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AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

BROWNSVILLE AFFAIR IS BEFORE THE COUNTRY

COMPROMISE BILL HAS BEEN DRAWN

Last Week's "Storm Center" Has Shifted—Tyler Defends Himself—Lincoln Day Celebration at Metropolitan Church.

Special by Thompson's National News Bureau.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 3.—The Brownsville issue is fairly and squarely before the country. A compromise bill has been drawn upon which the President, Senator Foraker and every republican member of Congress have agreed to stand together for its passage. The measure, while conceding something to each of the heretofore opposing factions, offers to the soldiers practically all they have been contending for, and should it become a law, the ends of justice will have been admirably met. Under the bill, the cases will be dealt with individually by a commission of expert army officers. The men who can come forward with a clean bill of health, and show conclusively that they had no participation in or knowledge of the stirring events of the night of August 13, 1906, will be permitted to re-enlist in the army without prejudice, and their terms and pay will be considered to have begun at the time of their discharge. The President and the War Department will have the final review of the cases, but it is not likely that they will fail to approve any of the findings reached by the commission after due deliberation. When the compromise bill was presented, a sigh of relief from all sides went up, and it was hoped that the incident would be happily closed by the time President Roosevelt relinquished the reins of office on the fourth of March.

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But, a fly falls into the ointment in the shape of the solid opposition of the democrats in Congress, who give it out frankly that they will not support any proposition looking to the reinstatement of the colored soldiers, guilty or not guilty. A stubborn filibuster is threatened, which may carry the matter beyond the life of the 61st Congress. Senator Foraker is at this time unable to bring the issue to a vote, but is making a determined effort to do so, and may succeed ere this reaches the eye of the public. The attitude of the democrats is exasperating to the level-headed people of the nation, and the opinion is freely expressed that the incident should now be closed as quickly as possible, to the end that the men may be cleared of the shadow that has made them miserable for many months and that the business of Congress may be allowed to go on without further delay. The Negro democrats—or the element that supported Bryan last fall as a "rebuke" to the President for his action in the Brownsville matter—are coming in for their share of the blame. A well-known republican who took an active part with Senator Foraker before the Chicago convention, but who gave Taft loyal support in the campaign and was bitterly assailed as a "renegade," "race traitor," etc., by his companions who went the other way, now calls upon these Bryan Negroes to go up to the Capitol and work with their erstwhile party allies and have them to permit the Negro soldiers to enter the door the republicans would open unto them. This authority, who is a lawyer of pronounced ability, is no less a friend of Senator Foraker now than he was last year, although standing by Taft as a loyal republican should have done, is of the opinion that the only way the Trotters, Corrothers, Larks, DuBois', Hendersons, Warrens and other rampant Bryanites can repair the damage they tried to do the men who remained true to the best interests of the soldiers, is to use their influence to induce the Culbersons, Baileys, Tillmans, et al., to withdraw their objections to the bill now pending. They say that all of the abuse, lampooning and assaults of the campaign will be forgotten if the *Boston Guardian, Brooklyn Eye*, the Waldron-Corrothers-Waller pulpiteers and all the rest of the kickers will unite and ask the democrats to grant the colored soldiers a square deal in this instance, and thus save their own faces from the imputation of bad judgment which subsequent events are indicating that they showed in the contest of 1908. If the threatened filibuster can be prevented, and a square-toed vote secured, the Roosevelt-Foraker measure will pass. The prospect is yet bright, and the colored people, regardless of factional alliances, are jubilant. The compromise is a dignified one, and both sides have every reason to rejoice over the outcome.

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The "storm-center" has evidently shifted. The rumorous atmosphere of last week has cleared, and, comparatively speaking, "all is quiet on the Potomac." The sensational talk put out during the past fortnight by timorous correspondents is a thing of the past, and the "Black Cabinet," the Mu-So-Lit Club and the inaugural workers have resumed the even tenor of their ways. There was not enough bottom to the gossip set afloat to produce a "nine days' wonder." A season of sanity is prevailing, and popular attention is being turned to matters of real importance. Up to date, no "tricksters" have been exposed; no light has been turned on the alleged dark places, and no "foul plot" against any high public officials has been run to earth.

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The *Washington Herald*, an anti-Roosevelt, anti-Taft and anti-republican local organ, took occasion last week to make an editorial attack on Auditor Ralph W. Tyler's management of his office. The article, which was full of glaring errors, attempted to show that the work of the office of the Auditor for the Navy was eighteen months behind, causing confusion among the accounting and disbursing officers of the navy. The cause of the alleged trouble was said to be the fact that the most competent clerks were seeking transfers to other departments, not caring to serve under a "Negro politician from Cincinnati," etc., ad nauseum. The *Herald* made a feeble case for itself, so, it was not difficult for Mr. Tyler to demolish the entire structure the next day in a well-tempered card to the editor of the paper. Mr. Tyler confessed that he prepared a card for the editor of the paper. Mr. Tyler "owned up" that he was "colored"—and here the truth told by the *Herald* came to an abrupt stop. All other allegations were proven to be absolutely false. Not only did Mr. Tyler show that the work of the office was not eighteen months behind, through mismanagement on his part, but that when he assumed charge in 1907, it was two years behind, and that he, with increased burdens and an inadequate force, had brought the work up to within six months of current—which in the department is practically current—and the office had been complimented by many expert accountants. He showed also that wherever there had been transfers, the persons who left, asked fo rpositions elsewhere because they could secure larger salaries by the change. Contradicting the accusation that there was an exodus on account of his color, Mr. Tyler stated that the number of applications for transfers from other bureaus to his office, was sufficient to refute any such a contention. As far being a "politician" is concerned, the Auditor pointed out that the principal objection to his appointment was that he was not a politician, but a business man—a journalist, etc. And finally, Mr. Tyler does not hail from "Cincinnati," as stated by the *Herald*, but from Columbus. The only fact that the *Herald* could make stick, was that Mr. Tyler was "colored." The latter admitting this, and proving all other allegations false, the case is thrown out of court on general principles. No other sheet will venture a war of words with the doughty Auditor for the navy, nor make any further effort to spring the color question upon the Negro officeholders hereabouts.

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Howbeit, in view of the multiplicity of Washington correspondents who are availing themselves of their rightful prerogative to send news on various subjects to the press of the country, and to avoid the confusion that seems to be growing out of anonymous communications that have been erroneously attributed to "Thompson's National News Bureau," your correspondent desires to say here and now that he disclaims all responsibility for items of news or opinion that do not bear his signature, but for nothing else. Our geenerous readers who have encouraged and inspired us by their confidence and encomiums for a quarter of a century, will favor us by keeping this statement in mind.

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"Lincoln Day" comes on apace. Washington will celebrate it as becomes the community in which resides the largest colored population between the oceans. The allied civic organizations have completed arrangements for a monster public meeting on the evening of the 12th at Metropolitan A. M. E. Church. Congressman J. Warren Keifer, of Ohio, one of the "Old Guard" of abolition times, has accepted an invitation to be present and speak. Recorder John C. Dancy will deliver the eulogy upon the life and character of the martyred president, and Rev. Walter H. Brooks, pastor of the 19th Street Baptist Church, will address the throng. Prof. John T. Layton will direct a selected chorus of one hundred voices. Dr. William L. Board will recite Lincoln's Gettysburg address; Mrs. Julia Mason Layton will read the Emancipation Proclamation, and Mrs. Coralie Franklin Cook will read Lincoln's favorite hymn, "Why Should the Spirit of Mortal Be Proud?" Mr. L. N. Hershaw will preside. Another celebration of large proportions will be held at Howard University, beginning on Tuesday, February 9, at 10 a. m. Senator J. P. Dolliver of Iowa, will deliver a lecture on Abraham Lincoln. On February 12, at 10:30 a. m., a second meeting will be held. Addresess will be made by Speaker J. G. Cannon of Illinois, Hon. James A. Tawney of Minnesota, Hon. J. Warren Keifer and others of prominence. A painting entitled, "The Underground Railroad," by C. T. Webber of Cincinnati, will be unveiled, the address being by Mr. William E. Curtis, the well known writer and traveler. Special music will be given by the University Choir under the direction of Miss Lulu V. Childers. Auditor Ralph W. Tyler will be the orator of the day at the Lincoln Centenary in Greater New York, while Prof. W. S. Scarborough, the scholarly president of Wilbeforce University, will speak in Brooklyn. Assistant Superintendent Roscoe Conkling Bruce goes to Cleveland, as announced, and Register W. T. Vernon will fill engagements in Kansas and Missouri. The Y. M. C. A. and other local bodies will observe the day in fitting manner. It is suggested by Dr. Booker T. Washington, and seconded by the press and pulpit of the country, to a very large extent, that special collections be taken up for the liquidation of the mortgage on the homestead of the immortal Frederick Douglass, whose memory is inseparably linked with that of the Great Emancipator.

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The civic organizations of the Negroes will be well represented in the inaugural parade. Announcement is made that the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks of the World are to have a conspicuous place in the line. The local managers desire a large attendance of this splendid order and a cordial invitation is extended them to be here. Measures are being taken to arrange ample accommodations for them through the committee on public comfort, of which Mr. Daniel Murray is chairman. Mr. W. E. Hope, Mr. Murray's energetic assistant, is giving special attention to the interests of the fraternity, and communications sent to him at the headquarters of the committee, 609 F street, N. W., will receive prompt attention. From the number of letters already in hand, from various sections of the country, a large attendance will be on hand March 4. The famous Philippine Constabulary Band, which attracted so much attention at the St. Louis World's Fair and in the cities visited at the close of that immense show, has sailed from Manila and will be in the parade, under the direction of Mr. Walter I. Loving, a Washington boy who has "made good." Grand Marshal E. D. Williston is receiving letters daily from leading men of the several States, announcing their acceptance of the invitation to be members of his staff.

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Dr. Booker T. Washington's address before the conference for the care of dependent children was a masterpiece of eloquence and convincing logic. He paid especial attention to the dependent children of the South, and urged a stronger effort toward the development of the children in family home, in preference to the public institution, where it was possible to place them in private homes. The future of the race is largely in the hands of the children of to-day, and Dr. Washington said too much care cannot be taken to see that their training is along right lines. His address was one of the truly illuminating features of the conference, and his apt stories and merciless scoring of certain institutions "on paper," gotten up to give somebody a job as superintendent, brought down the house.

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At the conclusion of Dr. Washington's address to the conference at the New Willard Hotel, he repaired to "Little White Tops," the suburban home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Sidney Pittman, where a reception was in progress, tendered by the Pittmans in honor of Mr. Ernest Davidson Washington, who is traveling with his father. The affair was a brilliant one, and was attended by some of Washington's most noted men. Among those present were W. T. Vernon, Register of the Treasury; Dr. W. Bruce Evans, principal Armstrong Technical School; Attorney Gilchrist Stewart, of New York; Dr. H. R. Francis; W. Calvin Chase; W. R. Griffin, chief of the Washington Fountain True Reformers; Attorney Thomas L. Jones, G. W. Robinson, S. H. Bolling, the contractor, Charles E. Hall, Nathan Hunt, of Tuskegee, Ala., John W. Stockton, Robert L. Waring, Dr. Robert W. Brown, Dr. C. H. Marshall, Atttorney G. F. Collins, Willis Madden, Henry Lassiter and Addison N. Scurlock. Dr. Washington addressed the assemblage and complimented the gentlemen upon their practical labors in building up the professional and business life of the Nation's capital.

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President-elect William Howard Taft has written Commander Samuel T. Henry, accepting his election as honorary member of Gen. James A. Buchanan Garrison, No. 111, Army and Navy Union. This is one of the youngest garrisons in the Washington department, but has grown to be one of the strongest and most progressive under Commander Henry's painstaking labors. Gen. Buchanan, in whose honor the organization is named, was formerly commander of a company of the Twenty-fourth Infantry. He is also an honorary member of the garrison and takes a deep interest in its welfare, making frequent visits to the meetings and offering words of encouragement to his "comrades." He is proud of the showing they are making and does not hesitate to tell them so. The officers of the Buchanan Garrison are: Commander, Samuel T. Henry; senior vice commander, John R. Hayes; junior vice commander, Edward Grice; paymaster, George D. Powell; quartermaster, Wesley J. Powell; adjutant, Lewis E. Brown; chaplain, John Thurston; officer of the day, Sylvester Hodge; officer of the guard, Henry Tudy; officer of the watch, Albert Lee. Officers were installed with elaborate ceremonies Tuesday evening at Odd Fellows' Hall.

THE NATION'S CAPITAL IN BRIEF.

Dr. W. A. Wrafield has recommended that an addition be built to Freedmen's Hospital, to cost $55,700.

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The Washington Business League met last Friday evening and began laying plans for an aggressive new year.

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The Sparta Club, one of the oldest in the District, has been granted its license. J. Burke Edelin is managing the Sparta.

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Gray & Gray have issued a handsome calendar, bearing a half-tone engraving, in which Misses Gertrude Curtis, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Curtis, and Bessie Hope, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hope, are posed as little doctors prescribing for a pair of dolls who are ill. It is a highly unique production.

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Dr. C. Sumner Wormley, Washington's favorite dentist, has been elected president of the District of Columbia branch of the National Association of Colored Dentists. Dr. Wormley will head a large and representative delegation next August to the national meeting in Boston.

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Attorney Gilchrist Stewart, of New York, is in the city in the interest of the Brownsville bill. He denies the current rumor that he is an aspirant for the Liberian mission. Hon. J. Milton Turner, of Missouri, is on the ground early. The silver-tongued orator from the "show-me" State is credited with an ambition to be the next Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia.

R. W. THOMPSON.

A MISTAKEN POLICY.

On May 18, 1907, I withdrew from the communion of the African M. E. Church, after serving in her ministry for more than a quarter of a century. The reasons for my action were, as publicly stated, certain irregularities in the church which I had been discussing for eighteen months previous. Of late I have been reconsidering and have arrived at the conclusion that I pursued the wrong policy.

First—I was not right nor wise in holding up the weak points of the church to the public gaze, and thus advertise the devil's work instead of lifting up Christ. I realize that these irregularities have always marred the government of institutions among men, religious as well as civil and political. Still, they are not to be winked at, but corrected from within. The outside world cannot correct them.

Second—Being wrong in the previous point, I was wrong in leaving the church which I sought to reform. The prophets of old remained with Israel, even when condemning her backslidings most bitterly. The great bulk of the preachers and members of the A. M. E. Church are trying to walk soberly, righteously and godly in this wicked world, and need encouragement rather than condemnation.

I must therefore change my policy and return to the old church and give my attention to holding up Christ as the pattern and inspiration of men, instead of the faults of His weak followers.

Now that I see my mistake, I am thankful that, while leaving the church myself, I did not try to lead others out, and as a consequence not one of my warmest personal friends has left the church.

I came out without a mark ever having been made against me during my entire ministry, and publicly severed my relation with the church. Seeing my mistake, I wish as publicly to return to the Master's work in the same church. On Sunday, January 24, I publicly joined Quinn Chapel A. M. E. Church, Chicago, Rev. D. P. Roberts, pastor, and was most cordially received by both pastor and people. In due course I shall present myself for membership in the conference again.

Yours for Christ and the church.

D. A. GRAHAM,
3523 Vernon Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Jan. 27, 1909.

DALLAS, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mobile Mathias, Capt. John Jones, Mrs. Ben Thomas, G. A. Mays are up after a few weeks' illness...W. A. Spotts, George W. Dicking and others of Chicago spent a fortnight with the Hill party...The Law and Order League has done much to pave the way, so it is up to the voters now to perform their part in a way that it will be worth thousands of dollars for the $175 you have spent for one year's privilege to meet all of the public duties which will be the issue this spring and fall... Mobile Mathias, Capt. John Jones, Mrs. Ben Thomas, G. A. Mays have recovered after a few weeks' illness...W. A. Spotts, George W. Dickens and others of Chicago spent a fortnight here with the Hill party. ...Tommy Hooper is at his post of duty after several weeks of illness...The Sherman orchestra played to an enthusiastic crowd at Odd Fellows Hall under the management of Sheriff Green, a former member of the company, Wednesday evening...Pythian Lodge No. 46 of Oak Cliff, Dallas, did a very commendable act toward one of their members in the person of J. Kellum, who had the misfortune to lose both his legs by a street car accident last summer. The lodge has assisted him in opening up a business for himself and are asking that you trade there with your mite money...Mrs. Queenie Peel is visiting her mother in Brozaria, Tex.... The thirty-fifth annual anniversary held at St. John Baptist Church, corner Allen and Cochran streets, last week in honor of Dr. A. R. Griggs brought many distinguished Baptists divines to the city and they enjoyed many courtesies during their stay...Master Hubert Scott is up after a two months' illness...Oscar Crook of the Fort, spent a night in the city the guest of his brother on lower Ross avenue... The city street department is busy in the colored district improving the streets and crossings before the rainy season sets in, which is the cause for much comment from our people in the right direction... Mrs. Chas. Newby is home from the city of Houston, where she spent one month visiting...Jimmie Cotton, on Cochran street, is taking a course in enlarging pictures of all kinds...Mrs. Annie Brown, once a resident of this city, but now living in Bisbee, Ariz., spent several days here visiting friends and left for Coloroda Tuesday...Mrs. D. V. Hooper is visiting in California for a few weeks.

LOGANSPORT, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The revival at Bethel A. M. E. Church is growing in interest. Large crowds attend each service. Last Sunday there was scarcely standing room. Rev. Mrs. Lena Mason has won the hearts of Logansport people, white and colored, and is attracting wide attention. The meetings will continue indefinitely. By the end of the week it is probable that the church will seek larger quarters...On Monday evening Negro speakers had Logansport spellbound. Rev. John H. Hecktor, the "Black Knight," and one of the leading colored orators in the prohibition cause, spoke to a large audience of black and white in the north court room at the Court House, his subject being "Temperance." ...Mrs. Joseph Malone entertained several ladies last Thursday at a 6 o'clock dinner...On account of the disagreeable weather the ladies did not meet to perfect the organization of the trustees aid. ...Mrs. Manuel Newsom was very sick last week, but at this writing is much improved...Mrs. Blanche Ackers has returned after an extended visit in Kokomo. ...Mrs. C. S. Jones is improving very slowly...Mrs. Ada Morly has returned to Dayton, O...Mrs. Judson Kilgo and children have gone to Chicago...Wallace Collins has opened up a restaurant in the rear of his lodging apartments in Third street...Mrs. Josephine Winslow came over from Kokomo Sunday to hear Mrs. Lena Mason...A. J. Allen spent Sunday in Chicago at the bedside of his brother, Max Allen, who is very sick...Irwin Cordell has returned from Chicago after having spent a few days with his sister, Mrs. Emma Kennedy...Mrs. H. Bowlen has returned from Piqua, O...Mrs. Almeda Hill and children of Niles, Mich., who have been visiting in Piqua, spent a few hours in this city last Wednesday with her cousin, Wilbur Johnston and wife, en route homeCecil Carter is able to attend school again...Mrs. Lady Luckett is visiting her sister, Mrs. First in Chicago... Ellis Gibson of South Bend, Ind., is visiting his mother and sister, Mrs. Doc Simmons.

MINEOLA, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

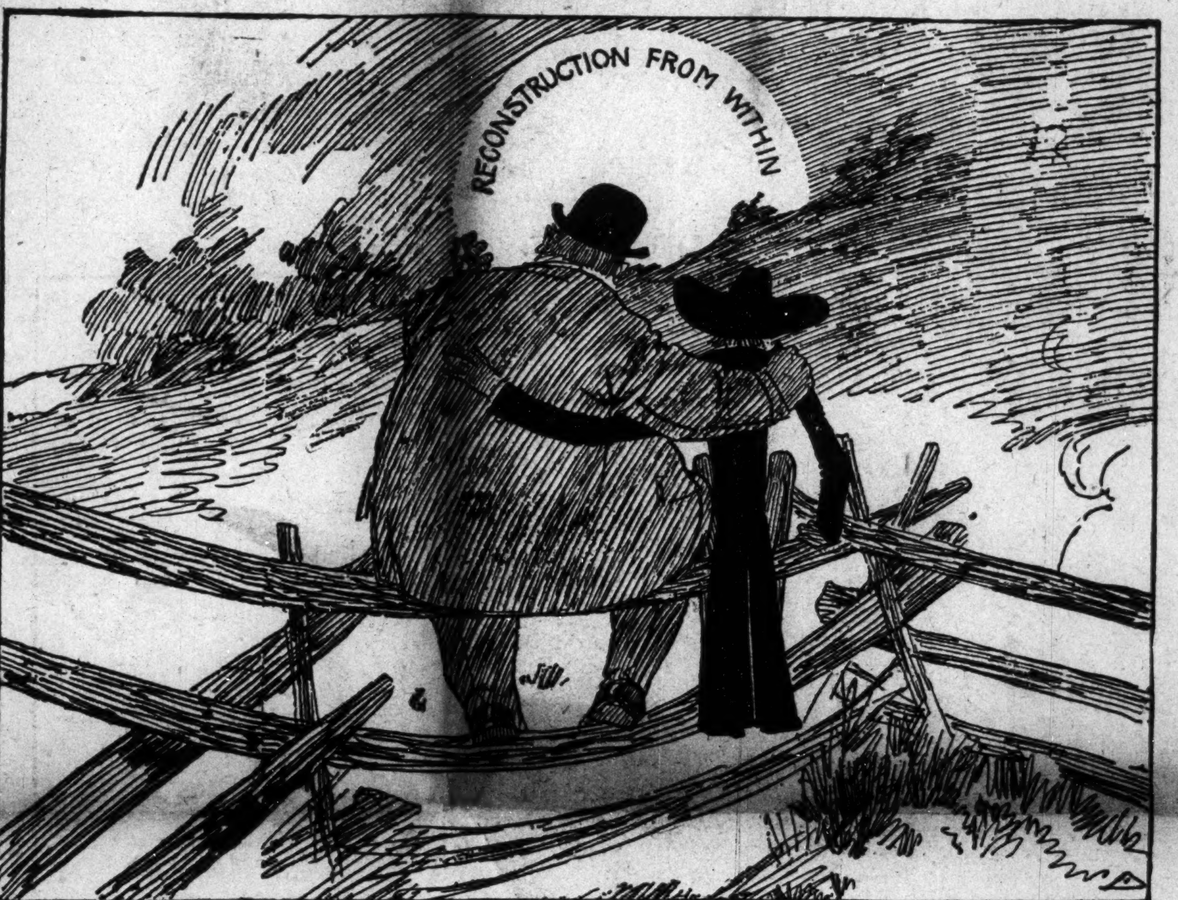
This is the best farming belt in the country...The board meeting was a success here last week and a good attendance. ...The Big Four store has a carload of new goods and all are welcome to call in. ...Mrs. H. Tane was very sick last week. ...Sandy Anderson wants more monthly subscribers to take THE FREEMAN.

JACKSON, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Veora Bredely, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Brooks, has returned home to Kalamazoo...The social given under the auspices of the Cornucopia Club Tuesday, Jan. 26, was a grand success, and was nicely entertained by the concert orchestra. Mrs. Lue Summerville also rendered a very interesting piece. Covers were laid for about seventy-five.

NEW SUN RISING IN THE SOUTH.



—Goldsmith in Boston Herald.

SCHOOL EXERCISES HELD

LARGE NUMBER GRADUATE TO ENTER HIGH SCHOOL

STANDARD REALTY COMPANY OPENS

With Headquarters at Douglass Building—Miss Burroughs in New York in Interest of Training School—Notes of Interest.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., (Special).—The chapel of the Pearl street school was filled last Friday with friends and parents to hear recitations and declamations from students of the eighth grade, who received their midyear certificates for entrance to the Central High School.

The exercises were in the nature of a midyear commencement, and the chapel was decorated with red, white and blue streamers. Appropriate music was furnished for the occasion by the Choral Society of the school, under the direction of Miss Sopha Johnson. Prof. Sam. B. Taylor, principal of the school and one of the most efficient principals of the city, acted as master of ceremonies.

The feature of the exercises was a declamatory contest between seven young people who received certificates of graduation. Miss Clara Parker won first honor, a gold necklace, and Sallie Duncan, the second, a brooch pin. Certificates of graduation were awarded George Duncan, Sadie Posey, Clara Parker, Willie Taylor, Hattie Standard and Frank Kemp.

At the California school of which Miss Lucy DuValle is principal, an indoor picnic was held during the afternoon. The picnic was given by the students of the school to the eight young pupils who received certificates of graduation. After the picnic the principal of the school gave the graduates a parting word and some advice and awarded certificates to the following: Esther Mitchel, Capitola Caldwell, Emma Wright, Marie Williams, Charles Stoggill, Robert Owens, Louis Schaefer and Luther Porter.

The Eastern school of which Prof. A. E. Meyzeek is principal, was the chief speaker. He advised the graduates to go to the High School with a spirit to be in the lead in department, scholarship and regularity. Exercises were given by the pupils of the school and certificates of graduation were awarded Frank Calbert, Charles Gilbert, Carl Barbour, Thomas Allen, Anna McCormick and Anna Redding.

At the Eighth and Kentucky street school, of which Prof. Joseph Cotter is principal, students furnished the program. It was a mixture of songs, recitations and original stories. Original story-writing formed a part of the program. At this school, *The Workshop*, a monthly periodical is gotten out by the pupils of the school under the direction of Prof. Cotter. Prof. Cotter is one of the most widely known poets in this section and has written a number of poems that compare favorably with those of Paul Lawrence Dunbar.

Prof. Cottor awarded certificates to Dora Williams, Canary Anderson, Anaa King, Elenora Coats and John Spears.

The Western School of which Dr. Willian H. Perry, A. M., is principal, held exercise the dap of promotion. A high-class musical and literary program was given by the pupils of the school and Dr. Perry delivered an able address to the students and visitors. This being the largest public school in the South, it sent the largest number to the High School.

Certificates were awarded Christine Board, Anno Bowman, Anna Mae Page, Hulda News, Mary Stone, Mattie Kirkley, Leroy White, W. M. Henderson, Henelia Jetton, Zephyr Jackson, Pauline Hays, Alberta Kelly, Hazel Frye, Alice Wilson, Alma Taylor, Alba Simms, and George Riley.

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Mrs. Myra Denison, of Chicago, is in the city, the guest of her mother.

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Mrs. Thomas Cole, of West Chestnut street, has gone to Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Mr. G. P. Hughes, one of Louisville's tailors, spent a few days at his home, Paris, Ky.

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Miss Alice Thomas, of French Lick Springs, Ind., is expected to be the guest of Miss Carrie Anderson, in a few weeks.

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Miss Gertrude Payne, one of the most popular girls of French Lick Springs, Ind., is expected to visit the city during the week of Feb. 22.

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Miss Martha Williams, of Frankfort, Ky., and Mrs. Louise Miller Jewett, of Paris, Ky., are expected here during the week of Feb. 22.

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Miss Henrietta Warren and sister, entertained with a whist party last Saturday, at her home, 1504 West Broadway street. A large number of friends were present.

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Some time in March the colored women of the city will have a rally to raise a large sum to aid the Sanitarium. Miss Nannie N. Burroughs will head a club to raise $100.

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Mrs. Susie Russell of 110 N. Floyd street is convalescent. She is the sister of Rachel Campbell of Indianapolis, Ind. Mrs. Russell is the cousin of Miss Mamie Aikens, who is the attending nurse.

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Miss Lillian Pope, of the 1903 class, Central High School, was appointed to teach at the Maiden Lane School this week. Miss Pope has been at the State University as a teacher for two years.

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The Cosmopolitan Club is making arrangements to give a banquet on the night of Feb. 12, at the home of one of its members. It is hoped that the affair will be a little more orderly than the last one given.

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Dr. H. B. Beck, one of the leading physicians of the city has had numerous calls this week on accident cases. Dr. Beck is becoming well known at the City Railway

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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE!

LOUISVILLE MAY SOON HAVE A NEGRO BANK

Movement on Foot to Establish Such Enterprise—Capital Stock Will Likely Be $10,000.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 26.—The banking business fever has reached Louisville among the Negroes, and the outlook for a Negro bank for 1909 assumes a most encouraging aspect. This is brought about by the fact that almost every State touching Kentucky has a Negro bank, and more are being organized, and other States in the South are far in advance with their banking systems and other chartered institutions of the Negroes of Kentucky and especially this city.

The National Negro Business Men's League, which meets here August 16, 17 and 18, and is to be presided over by Dr. Booker T. Washington, also carries with it a National Bankers' Association, composed of those connected with the forty banks that are now operated by Negroes in the Southern States.

The local Negroes claim that they hope to get on foot some kind of a chartered institution, be it an insurance company or bank. They hope to have it by the time of the meeting of the national league.

There is one Negro bank in Nashville, Tenn., and the fact that another is soon to open has stirred up the substantial Negroes of this city, and those who have saved a considerable amount of their earnings and are at the head of strongly-established institutions of any kind are the ones that have the idea and claim they are going to push it.

Said one of the prime movers: "The capital stock of the concern will be $10,000, with shares at $5 each. The stock will not be sold in any unusually large quantities. Heads of different lodges will be interested in the movement, so that fraternities of all kinds will be solicited for depositors. The city is large and there are many Negroes here who have money waiting an active investment."

On January 1 Negro banks in the following number were being operated: Four in Richmond, Va.; two in Birmingham, Ala.; one in Meridian, Miss.; one in Mound Bayou, Miss.; two in Vicksburg, Miss.; one in Nashville, Tenn.; one in Greenville, Miss.; two in Savannah, Ga.; two in Jackson, Miss.; one in Yazoo City, Miss.; one in Indianola, Miss.; one in Memphis, Tenn.; one in Chicago, Ill.; one in Columbus, Miss.; one in Salem, Va.; three in Jacksonville, Fla.; one in Norfolk, Va.; one at Tuskegee Institute, Ala.; one in Houston, Tex.; one in Staunton, Va.; one in Muskogee, Okla.; two in Boley, Okla.; one in Oklahoma City, Okla.; one in Tampa, Fla.; one in Guthrie, Okla.; one in Palestine, Tex., and two in Newport News, Va.

Mississippi leads in point of number, with Virginia a close second. These institutions have been organized for the most part since the National Negro Business Men's League has been organized, and, with Booker T. Washington at its head, gives a stimulus to the Negroes of every community to organize, buy property and put money in the bank.

Nannie H. Burroughs, who is one of the well-known women of the race and is secretary of the Women's National Baptist Convention and originator of the Negro calendar, is being urged to become cashier of the proposed institution. She stands well in the community and has many interests here.

Persistent rumor among colored business and laboring classes that efforts will be made to secure enough capital by the time the national league meets and to have their leader, Booker T. Washington, take a hand in its establishment, is heard.

SIMPLE INAUGURATION AT THE ILLINOIS CAPITAL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Special.—January 18, 1909, marked the fourth consecutive inauguration of a Republican Governor for the State of Illinois. There was no pomp nor ostentation, but the very simplest formalities were used. The House of Representatives was crowded, and many ladies were in the galleries. When Governor Deneen was sworn in, this marked the first Governor to succeed himself to this august position in thirty years. There has been but one Democratic Governor elected in this State in fifty years—the Hon. Mr. Altgeld, who was elected in 1892 and took his seat in January, 1893.

Secretary of State Jas. A. Rose and Auditor of Public Accounts J. S. McCullough, who were sworn in, enter upon their fourth consecutive terms, and at the expiration of this term will have served sixteen years. Andrew Russel and J. G. Oglesby enter upon their first terms. Mr. Russel is State Treasurer and one of the best men of the State.

Gov. Deneen's message was long and comprehensive, dealing with the most important issues before the people.

Before this article appears a United States Senator will very likely have been chosen by the Legislature, but at this writing every one is "up in the air." Senator Hopkins received the largest popular vote, and believes he is entitled to the place, as the people's choice, which, if the people are sincere in their desire to "rule," is true. It is very likely, however, that Hopkins will be returned to the United States Senate.

Ex-Lieutenant Governor L. Y. Sherman is boomed on every hand for Mayor of Springfield, and it seems that he is indomitable.

The candidates are sprouting up everywhere. We only ask the voters to be scrupulous in choosing men; we must have men who will enforce the laws. The Lincoln centennial celebration promises to be grand. The committee in charge of affairs endeavored to get Booker T. Washington here, but were too late in making application, and Mr. Washington has accepted an invitation to be present at a like celebration in New York on February 12. The colored people propose to have some kind of a celebration on that day, as is their custom.

The colored Law anad Order League is filling a long-felt want, looking after delinquent and incorrigible boys and girls, as well as all forms of lawlessness and defaming characters, as well as the general improvement of the colored people. The league has adopted the Forum's idea of installing a lecture bureau, and will put on several lectures, subjects to be varied. This is a timely step taken. The reading room advocated by the writer is to be opened, if it takes all summer. Several young men are anxious for it. They are sick and tired of loafing around noisy pool rooms and saloons; are hungry for intellectual intercourse of a higher kind. It shall be.

Bishop Osborne, of the Episcopal diocese of Springfield, has interceded and purchased the property formerly owned by Ambidexter Institute, and will reopen an industrial and business school of art, for the advancement and teaching of the colored youth along practical and useful lines—a needed thing.

In business our people are aroused to a high pitch, but there is room now for action. We have talked sufficiently for four months; now let us act. The average colored man, regardless of his inexperience, will talk big things instead of small ones; begin at the ground. We find colored men complaining because some white man does not give him a job; go make yourself a job. A man is a fool, who has good health and strength and does not make a living. The trouble I find is this: Too many of them are looking for the same kind of easy job, political or domestic, where no brain is required. Colored business men have not learned the value of advertising; no advertisement, no success. We have many Negroes now engaged in all lines of business; we need more. I am solicitous to have you read colored papers, because I know it to be inspiring, educating and helping you on.

IN THE SOCIAL RADII.

The lodges and churches are preparing for many entertainments for the spring. The Uniform Rank of the K. of P. Lodges was set up here January 25, Maj. R. R. Jackson, of Chicago, being present. A banquet was tendered him, and one of the finest and most highly entertaining affairs of the season was rendered. A sumptuous repast it was, indeed. The toasts and speeches before the banquet table were inspiring and lofty. The entertainment was a success. In honor of Mrs. Dabner, week before last, the following ladies entertained: Mrs. A. M. Williams, 1606 East Jackson street; Mrs. R. A. Byrd, 1003 South College; Mrs. E. B. Smith, 1003 East Jefferson street, and Mrs. J. M. Mosby, 1007 East Jefferson street.

Matrimonial.—Married, January 10, 1909, Mr. John Cole and Miss Lula Tucker, both of this city, and both popular young people in the social circles. They are residing in a nicely furnished home on East Mason street.

With the Sick.—Mr. Jesse Warren is yet confined. Mr. Osborne has recovered. Mrs. L. F. Osborne is on the sick list.

SPOKANE, WASH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Golden Gate Quintet, that played at the Pantages the week of the 17th, made quite a decided hit with their good singing and Chinese impersonations. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Winifred deserve much praise for the well-trained voices of their company....Mrs. Wm. Ryan, who is at the Sacred Heart Hospital, is reported to be improving....Mrs. Mamie Numan, who had been suffering for some time with tuberculosis, died on the 16th. The funeral was held from the Bethel A. M. E. Church. Rev. S. S. Freeman officiated. ....We have in the city Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, who will open at Pantage's, the week of the 24th, under the name of the two Johnsons....Mrs. M. B. Sykes, 2530 Boone avenue, who has been confined to her room for some time, is able to be out again....Mr. J. Wright, one of the popular young men of the city, left on the 24th for California....It is well understood that the Lincoln Centennial Association has gained the consent of Attorney Frederick L. McGhee, of St. Paul, as the chief speaker at the exercises to be held at Elks' Temple, on February 11, to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.... The young people of the city entertained at Fraternal Hall, on the 22nd, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Winifred and the company.

MERIDIAN, MISS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Fannie Sumpter, who was taken very suddenly sick at her home on Sunday morning, Jan. 17, died that night. She was the wife of Sam Sumpter. She leaves three sons, Richard, Edward and Sam Jr., and two daughters, Mrs. Lucy Spinks and Mrs. Amy Roby. Her funeral was largely attended at New Hope Baptist Church on the 19th. Rev. L. S. Lee, the pastor, preached the funeral sermon. Interment at the L. S. & D. cemetery...Mrs. Hannah Williams died in the East End on Jan. 19. Her funeral was attended at Pilgrim Progress Baptist Church on the 20th. Burial at the Masonic cemetery...Mrs. Callie Robinson died at her home on 18th street Jan. 22. Her funeral was largely attended at Pilgrim Progress Baptist Church on the 23rd. Rev. N. W. Wallace, the pastor, officiated. She was a member of the Court of Calantha No. 186. Interment at the Masonic cemetery...Rev. A. L. Bankhead, in the absence of the pastor, preached two able sermons at New Hope Baptist Church at 3 and 8 p. m., to the satisfaction of the entire congregation. The church was crowded at the night services to hear the speaker...Rev. S. A. Rivers went down to Enterprise Sunday morning, Jan. 24, to preach to the Baptists during the day and returned to this city that night...The memorial services in memory of Deacon McNeece, who died several months ago at Shuqualak, Miss., were held at New Shiloh Baptist Church Sunday, Jan. 24. Rev. J. T. Flinn is the pastor. Rev. L. S. Lee of Meridian preached the funeral sermon, assisted by the pastor. Rev. Lee was requested by the deceased to preach his funeral sermon, which he consented to do. Rev. Lee will return in time to fill his pulpit at New Hope Baptist Church Sunday, Jan. 31...Mrs. H. H. Hollie has been quite sick at her home in the East End. We are glad to say at this writing, Jan. 24, she is much better...There will be a mock international congress at the Masonic Temple, Meridian, Miss., by El Bethel Baptist Church, Feb. 16. Representatives of all professions, trades, occupations and organizations will be there. A. Brownlow will be master of ceremonies.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Wednesday Art Club met with Mrs. L. A. Herndon, on South Fayette street. ....Harvey Naull is in Hannibal, Mo., on account of the serious illness of Sparrow Early....Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, of North Diamond street, has returned home from Hannibal, Mo., where she went on account of the illness of Sparrow Early. ....Mrs. Smith, mother of Miss Emma Smith, of Bloomington, Ill., was in the city to attend the fiftieth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. David Spencer, of South East street....Mrs. Samuel Crenshaw, of East College street, who has been quite ill, is some better at this writing....Rev. E. M. Harlis was on the sick list last week....Union meeting was held Friday night, January 22, at the Bethel A. M. E. Church, and was largely attended. Rev. Mason preached....The Friday Art Club met with Mrs. Ella Coen....Peter Dealy, who is running a grocery store on North Sandy street, is meeting with success.... Mrs. C. H. Freeman, who has been quite ill, is able to be about....The Second Baptist Church is progressing nicely.

PHOENIX, A. T.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Wm. McClure is one of the largest hotel proprietors in this city....Lewis & Noble, Robert Sterns, Lucas & Stevens are among the popular owners of fine tonsorial parlors....Dr. S. A. Level, a learned and well-to-do gentleman of Hot Springs, Ark., is a recent addition to our society. He has opened a magnificent office in the Cotton building, on Washington street, and is doing a nice business. The Doctor is a stanch Christian, and is a steward of Tanner Chapel A. M. E. Church. ....Dr. Frank Shirley, one of the pioneers of the Territory, is still looking young and holding his own professionally. He is president of the Forum....The A. M. E. Church, under the very efficient pastoral oversight of Rev. H. Franklin Bray, is enjoying a season of unprecedented success. The Forum is the literary attraction of the town. The church is well filled every Sunday afternoon to hear a most excellent program, in which the leading white people take part from time to time...."Thirty Years of Freedom" will be played at the Elks' Theater here, on February 4, for the benefit of the A. M. E. Church....The A. M. E. parsonage, a beautiful brick of five rooms, and thoroughly modern, will be completed about the first of next month....Mrs. P. M. Maxfield is in the city for the winter, and is stopping at the A. M. E. parsonage. She is a conference widow....The mother of Mrs. Wake, our leading hair dresser, is in the city, having arrived this week from Tennessee....The Forum donated the pastor $25 last Sunday and told him to go to California and rest when the heated season comes on. The church voted him a leave of absence for thirty days, beginning August 1, and arranged for the fare of himself and wife....Samuel Steel is among the leading laundrymen of this city. He is also an extensive property owner and a steward of the A. M. E. Church....Rev. and Mrs. H. Franklin Bray dined at the Woodford Hotel, last Sunday, by invitation of the proprietor, Wm. McClure....The Baptist Church, under the pastorate of Rev. Burgess, is doing well....Charles G. Mortimer, recently of Columbus, O., and in the government employ there for years, is now a resident of this city and an extensive property owner, leading lodge man and secretary of the A. M. E. Church.

CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Our city is decreasing very rapidly since the Legislature forced the State-wide prohibition laws for our people, both white and colored leaving every day.... Dr. L. T. Williams, one of our leading physicians, died in Hickman, Tenn., a few days ago, and his order, the K. of P. Lodge, and his many friends highly honored him in a memorial service at the Fifth Ward Baptist Church. On the program were the following speakers: Mr. Quint Hucherson, master of ceremonies; Dr. R. T. Burts, Dr. S. Jefferson, Prof. H. Merritte and Mrs. Carrie Simkins. The subject was the "Life of Dr. Williams." Mrs. E. D. Wells rendered a very touching solo....Aunt Mary Williams, another one of our oldest citizens, died at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tyler, on Main street, on the 23d, from the infirmities of age. Her funeral was conducted from the St. Paul A. M. E. Zion Church, by Rev. D. T. Irvin and Rev. Huston Medcalf. Aunt Mary was a lifelong Christian of much service to the cause of Christ....Mrs. Monroe Nealey, of Memphis, Tenn., has returned to Memphis, after a very pleasant stay with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Simmons, and her many friends....Chas. Perry received a very serious fall from a ladder on the 20th, at his home....The United Clubs' annual entertainment on the 25th, at the K. of P. Hall, will be a grand success, judging from the tickets sold. The Twentieth Century Concert Band, under the instruction of J. P. Steele, will make its first debut before the public on the 1st of February, at the K. of P. Auditorium. Our citizens are very proud of the boys, and the boys expect them to show it on the night of the 1st by turning out and patronizing them....Little Violet Steele has been very sick in the last two weeks, but she is better at this writing....Don't forget your Freeman.

QUINCY, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Edward Duncan received the sad news of the death of his only sister. He left Saturday morning for Memphis, Tenn., to see the remains laid away...Miss Nellie Keller will open a millinery and embroidery shop in the near future...Arthur Buckner of St. Louis, Mo., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Sarah Young...Father Jack Turner is very sick at the present writing. ...The grim reaper Death visited the home of Tim Wheeler and took his beloved wife Mrs. Emma H. Wheeler. She leaves husband, father and one child...The Jackson and Woods show was repeated at the Soldiers' Home to a $70 house...The churches are meeting with great success. Rev. Smith has 27 additions thus far... Mrs. Maggie Miller, the wife of Wm. Miller, who has been visiting his parents in Bellings, Mont., has gone to Butte, Mont., 250 miles farther on...Mrs. Fannie Curls is on the sick list...Margaret Weaver is seriously ill...Miss Lizzie Eubanks has returned from a visit in Palmyra, Mo. ...The funeral of Thos. Brooks was held last Monday...Bertie Crawford is very sick...Mrs. Amanda Ruffner was injured by falling from a street car...Mayor Best secured an appointment for J. L. Gorden in the State House at Springfield...Get The Freeman at J. R. Bass' barber shop, Fifth and Vermont streets...Prof. Harris and Hon. Mr. Johnson of Kansas City, Mo., were in the city on business... Bethel A. M. E. Church hase added to their membership 12 in the last week... Capt. R. A. Byrd reports Company I in good shape.

SEATTLE, WASH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Seattle colored people are traveling fast to the front, with a population of about 3,000, and they seem to be coming in every day. Their business cares consist of millinery, groceries, transfers, cafe, shining parlors, cleaning and dye works, barber shops, hair dressers, laundries, autos, lawyers, doctors, billiard and pool rooms, clubs and saloons. Many of them are thriving business places. There are over 800 property owners. The young Afro-Americans of this city are endeavoring to organize a Y. M. C. A. We think we see the real necessity of spending the idle hours and reaping the material benefits at the same time....The Whangdoodle Trio are playing dinners at the Butler Hotel Annex, and the applause each evening is great. The Butler Annex employs forty-five colored waiters. J. Davis, the headwaiter, must be highly honored for his large crew of Afro-Americans, although the manager gives him his utmost support....Irvin Jones played at Pantage's Theater hree last week. He is an old-timer, but didn't go very big with the colored people, the cause being his unbecoming songs degrading the colored race....We have a Forum for ladied and gentlemen, headed by I. I. Walker, a thriving business man....The Dorcas Charity Society gave a grand ball last Tuesday night, which was largely attended by the amusement-goers of the city. ....The Whangdoodle Trio has opened a new dancing academy for the benefit of the dancers and the new beginners.... The social event of the year was the dinner party given by Mr. J. F. Cragwell, one of our leading barber shop proprietors, at Attorney A. R. Black's residence, in honor of Mr. R. S. Brown, of Philadelphia, who will enter business with Cragwell.

SPRINGFIELD, O.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Central Y. M. C. A. is planning to erect an $1,800 addition to the present building, which will be used for auditorium, gymnasium, etc. Much interest is being manifested and subscriptions are being rapidly made. George C. Jackson, the hustling secretary, is bending every effort to have the work completed at the earliest possible moment, and if present indications count for anything this will be the banner year of the association... The article regarding baseball for girls which appeared in THE FREEMAN under date of December 26, has been reprinted in the Springfield *Daily News* (white), our local paper, and has done much to allay the many criticisms that were being hurled at the promoters, and many who in the outset were hostile to the project have laid aside their little hammers and have expressed a willingness to allow their sisters, wives and daughters to don uniforms and participate in the national sport... Mrs. Sarah S. Brooker, manager of the girls' baseball team, has been called to Piqua on account of the illness of her sister, Mrs. Pearl Guilliam, and while there she will confer with Mrs. Matilda Thomas in regard to placing a team in that city... Indianapolis is to be represented in the girls' baseball league. Miss Carrie Trail, 1719 Main street, will have charge of the team.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

We have some very industrious people who are doing a splendid business. Mrs. Cora A. Howard, 514 East Ninth street, and Geo. Young, 523 East Ninth street, conduct good restaurants. S. B. Moore, 1701 Hickory street, one of our hustling merchants, is in the grocery business. Clarence Freeman and father, are high-class merchants on Harrison avenue. Andrew Waters does a good business on Harrison avenue. McGhee Brothers, 311 Main street, keep a nice line of groceries. A. E. Beal, 314 Main street, conducts a fine tailoring establishment. Watson Davenport does excellent work cleaning, pressing, etc. Benjamin N. Gay is a substantial resident, has a nice little family, is a hustling gentleman, and a Pullman porter of good repute. B. L. Lewis, 203 Cowart street, has a nice barber shop. Marshall & Blanton conduct a first-class tailoring, cleaning and pressing parlor at 112 1-2 East Ninth street. Chas. M. Marshall, 110 1-2 East Ninth street, has a splendid pool and billiard parlor. Mr. Scott and West Brook do a fine business manufacturing buggies...Mrs. W. A. Scott of 714 Cypress street has just returned from an extended trip in southern Alabama...Rev. Hall, pastor of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, has been out of the city for three weeks visiting his father in North Carolina, who is ill...Miss H. C. Taylor recently returned to her home in New Orleans. She spent several months in our city.

SEMI-ANNUAL SESSIONS OF THE BOARD OF BISHOPS.

The semi-annual session of the Board of Bishops of the A. M. E. Zion Church met in Wilmington, N. C., last week. Every bishop (ten in number), with the general officers, were present. The connectional auditor, Dr. F. H. Hill, of Charlotte, N. C., reported, showing that for the year 1908 $117,288.51 had been collected. The financial secretary, Dr. J. S. Jackson, reported for general fund and benevolence $47,960.34 collected within the past seven months. This report surpassed all former financial secretaries' reports. Rev. G. W. Johnson, D. D., and the good people of Wilmington, N. C., entertained the board in a grand style. The banquet on Friday night was superb.

TROY, ALA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Services at the First Baptist Church Sunday were well attended. Rev. Wm. Grider preached at 11 o'clock...The following name sare on the sick list: Mrs. Katie Jones, Mrs. Minnie Ash and Mrs. Addie Belle Turner...Mrs. Mollie Townsend departed this life Jan. 19. Her funeral was attended from the First Baptist Church by Rev. R. W. Williams...The officers and teachers of St. Paul A. M. E. Sunday school held a very interesting meeting Sunday evening at the A. M. E. parsonage...Subscribe for The Freeman and keep posted...The members of the First Baptist Church are preparing to give a grand concert soon...Mrs. Lakes Robinson and Mrs. Jesse Henderson visited Mrs. Innis at Shady Grove, Ala., recently...The Freeman agent spent two days last week at Shady Grove.

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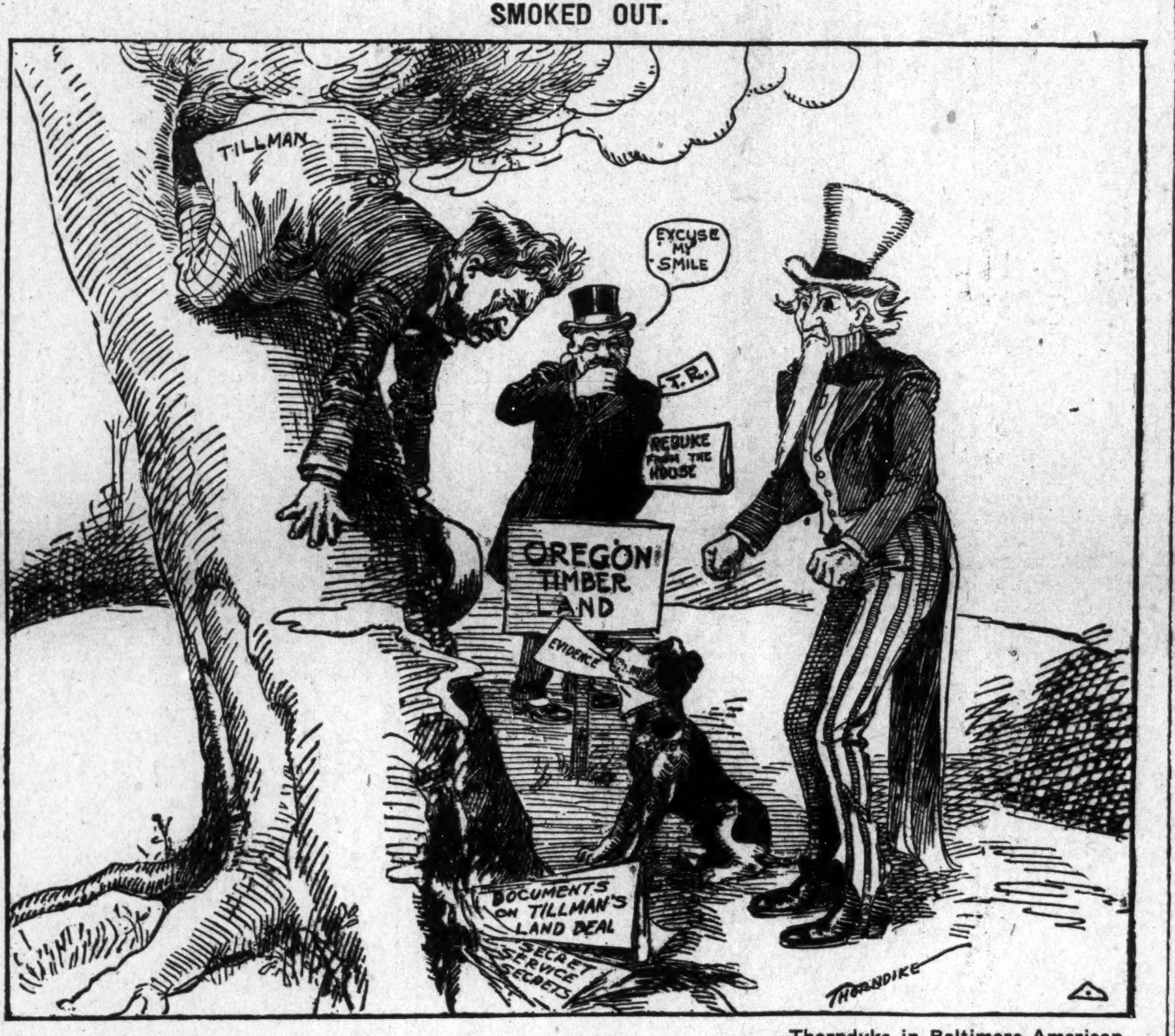

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The ranchman quickly thrust the missive into his pocket. The injustice of Bud's reflections on his former actions gave to his uneasy conscience just that pretext he desired for justifying his present course. His cause being weak and unworthy, he whipped up his indignation by adopting a high tone and overbearing manner, even demeaning himself by using his position as Bud's employer to crush the younger man. Indeed, at the end of the scene which ensued he had well nigh convinced himself that he had been most ungratefully treated by Bud while sincerely attempting to save the boy from the companionship of a fiend in human guise.

"No matter who told me, young man," he exclaimed. "I got it straight, and you can take it straight from me. You either give up Buck McKee or leave Sweetwater ranch. Snake in the grass!" he cried, working himself up into false passion. "It is you, ungrateful boy, who are sinking the serpent's tooth into the hand that would have helped you. I tell you now that I intended to make you foreman, though Sagebrush Charley is an older and better man. It was for Dick's sake I would have done it."

"No," Bud burst forth, "for your guilty conscience's sake! It would have been to pay for stepping into Dick's place in the heart of a faithless girl. Keep your job. I'm through with you."

And, leaping on his horse, Bud rode furiously back to rejoin Buck McKee in Florence.

Jack Payson's purpose was now cinched to suppress Dick Lane's letter until Echo Allen was irrevocably joined to him in marriage. He argued with himself that she loved him, Jack Payson, yet so loyal was she by nature that if Dick Lane returned before the wedding and claimed her she would sacrifice her love to her sense of duty. This would ruin her life, he reasoned, and he could not permit it. There was honesty in this argument, but he vitiated it by deferring to act upon the suggestion that naturally arose with it: Why, then, not take Jim Allen, Echo's father, to whom her happiness was the chief purpose in life, into confidence in regard to the matter? There will be time enough to tell the colonel before the wedding, he thought. In the meantime something might happen to Dick, and he may never return. He is certain not to get back ahead of his money.

After the time that the note secured by the mortgage fell due the young ranchman had already secured two extensions of it for three months each. He now arranged a third and began negotiating for the sale of some of his cattle to take up the note at the next time of payment. "I can't take the money from Dick," he thought, "even if he does owe it to me, and yet if I refuse it it will be like buying Echo—'paying for stepping into Dick's place' as Bud expressed it. What to do I don't know. Well, events will decide." And by this favorite reflection of the moral coward Jack Payson marked the lowest depths of his degradation.

That afternoon Payson rode to Allen Hacienda to see Echo and to sound her upon her feelings toward Dick Lane. He wished thoroughly to convince himself that he, Jack Payson, held complete sway over her heart. Perhaps he might dare to put her love to the test and fulfill the trust his friend had imposed on him by giving her Dick's letter.

Payson overtook Polly riding slowly on her way home from Florence. She barely greeted him. "Has she met Bud, and has he been slurring me?" he thought. He checked his pacing horse to the half trot, half walk, of Polly's mount and, ignoring her incivility, began talking to her.

"Did you see Bud in Florence?"

"Yep. Couldn't help it. Him an' Buck McKee are about the whole of Florence these days."

"Too bad about Bud consorting with that rustler. I've had to fire him for it."

"Fire him? Well you are a good friend! Talk about men's loyalty! If women threw men down that easy you all would go to the bowwows too fast for us to make dog biscuit. Now, I've settled Buck McKee's hash by puttin' Slim Hoover wise to that tongue slittin'. Oh, I'll bring Bud around, all right, all right, even if men that ought to be his friends go back on him."

"But, Pollykins"—

"Don't you girlie me, Jack Payson. I'm a woman, an' I'm goin' to be a married one, too, in spite of all you do to Bud. Yes, sirree, bob! I've set out to make a man of him, an' I'll marry him to do it if he ain't a dollar to his name. But money 'd make it lots quicker an' easier. He was savin' up till he run in with Buck McKee."

A sudden thought struck Payson. Here was a way to dispose of Dick Lane's money when it came.

"All right, Mrs. Bud Lane to be. Promise not to tell Bud, and through you I'll soon make good to him many times over the foreman's wages he's lost. It's money that's coming from an enterprise that his brother and I were partners in, and Bud shall have Dick's share. He's sore on me now, and I can't tell him. Besides, he'd gamble it away before he got it to Buck McKee. Bud isn't strictly ethical in regard to money matters, Polly, and you must manage the exchequer."

"Gee, what funny big words you use, Jack! But I know what you mean—he's too free handed. Well, he'll be savin' as a trade rat until we get our home paid for. An' I'll manage the checker business when we're married. No more poker an' keno for Bud. Thank you, Jack. I always knew you was square."

Polly's sincere praise of his "squareness" was the sharpest thrust possible at Payson's guilty conscience. Well, he resolved to come as near being square and level as he could. He had told half truths to Bud and Polly; he would present the situation to Echo as a possible though not actual one. If Polly were wrong and Echo loved him so much that she would break the word she pledged to Dick Lane, then he would confess all, and they would do what could be done to make it right with the discarded lover.

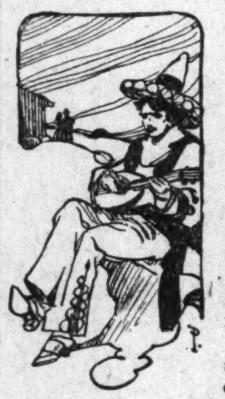
Echo, observing from the window who was Polly's companion, ran out to Jack, with a cry of joy. He looked meaningly at Polly. She said: "Oh, give me your bridle! I know how many's a crowd." Jack leaped to the ground and took Echo in his arms, while Polly rode off with the horses to the corral, singing significantly:

"Spoon, spoon, spoon,
While the dish ran away with the spoon."

Jack and Echo embraced clingingly and kissed lingeringly. "It takes a crazy old song like that to express how foolish we lovers are," said Jack. "Why, I feel that I could outfiddle the cat, outjump the cow, outlaugh the dog and start an elopement that would knock the performance of the tableware as silly as—well, as I am talking now. I'm living in a dream—a midsummer night's dream such as you were reading to me."

"The lunatic, the lover and the poet," quoted Echo suggestively.

Dusk was falling. From the bunk house rose the tinkling notes of a mandolin. After a few preliminary chords the player, a Mexican, began a love song in Spanish. The distant chimes of mission bells sounded softly on the evening air.



A love song in Spanish.

Jack and Echo sat down upon the steps of the piazza. Jack continued the strain of his thought, but in a more serious vein:

"Echo, I'm so happy that I am frightened."

"Frightened?" she asked wonderingly.

"Yes, scared—downright scared," he answered. "I reckon I'm like an Indian. An Indian doesn't believe it's good medicine to let the gods know he's big happy, for there's the thunder bird"—

"The thunder bird?"

"The evil spirit of the storm," continued Jack. "When the thunder bird hears a fellow saying he's big happy he sends him bad luck."

Echo laid her hand softly on the mouth of her sweetheart. "We won't spoil our happiness, then, by talking about it. We will just feel it—just be it."

She laid her head upon Jack's knee. He placed his arm lightly, but protectingly, over her shoulder. They sat in silence listening to the Mexican's love song. Finally Jack bent over and whispered gently in her ear:

"Softly, so the thunder bird won't hear. Echo, tell me you love me; that you love only me; that you will always love me, no matter what shall happen; that you never loved until you loved me."

Echo sat upright with a start. "What do you mean?" she exclaimed. "Of course I love you and you only, but the future and the past are beyond our control. Unless you know of something that is going to happen which may mar our love your question is silly, not at all like your Mother Goose nonsense—that was dear. And, as for the past, you mean Dick Lane."

"Yes, I mean Dick Lane," confessed Payson in a subdued tone. "I am jealous of him—that is, of even his memory."

"That is not like Jack Payson. What has come over you? It is the shadow of your thunder bird. You know what my feeling was for Dick Lane and what it is, for it remains the same, the only difference being that now I know it never was love. Even if it were he is dead, and I love you, Jack—you alone. Oh, how you shame me by forcing me to speak of such things! I have tried to put poor Dick out of my mind, for every time I think of him it is with a wicked joy that he is dead, that he cannot come home to claim me as his wife. Oh, Jack, Jack, I didn't think it of you!"

And the girl laid her face within her hands on her lover's knee and burst into a fit of sobbing.

Jack Payson shut his teeth.

"Well, since I have lowered myself so far in your esteem and since your mind is already sinning against Dick Lane we might as well go on and settle this matter. I promise I will not mention it again. But I, too, have troubles of the mind. I am as I am, and you ought to know it. I said I was jealous of Dick Lane's memory. It is more. I am jealous of Dick Lane himself. If he should return, would you leave me and go with him—as his wife?"

Again she sat upright. By a strong effort she controlled her sobbing.

"The man I admired does not deserve an answer, but the child he has proved himself to be and whom I cannot help loving shall have it. Yes; if Dick Lane returns true to his promise I shall be true to mine."

She arose and went into the house. Payson rode homeward through the starlight consumed by torturing jealousy. He now had no thought of confiding in Jim Allen. He regretted that he had touched so dangerously near the subject of Dick Lane's return in talking to Bud and Polly. His burning desire was to be safely married to Echo Allen before the inevitable return of her former lover.

"Fool that I was not to ask her one more question. Would she forgive her husband where she would not forgive her lover? What will she think of me when all is discovered, as it surely will be? Well, I must take my chances. Events will decide."

On his return to Sweetwater ranch he put the place in charge of his new foreman, Sagebrush Charley, and went out to a hunting cabin he had built in the Tortilla mountains. Here he fought the problem over with his conscience—and his selfishness won. He returned, fixed in his decision to suppress Dick Lane's letter and to go ahead with the marriage.

CHAPTER IV.

RIDING hard into Florence from Sweetwater ranch, Bud Lane hunted up Buck McKee at his favorite gambling joint and in a white heat of indignation informed him in detail of everything that had passed between Payson and himself. At once McKee inferred that the writer of the letter was none other than Dick Lane. Realizing that Payson was already informed of his villainy and that in a very short time Dick Lane himself would make his appearance on the Sweetwater, the half breed concluded to make a bold move while he yet retained the confidence of Bud.

"Bud," he said, "I know the man who is sendin' the money to Payson. It's Dick, yer brother."

"But," stammered Bud, his brain whirling, "but if that's so you lied about the Apaches killing him—and you—why, you—must have been the renegade, the devil who tortured prospectors."

"Why, Bud, Dick never wrote all that dime novel nonsense about the man who stood by him to—well, not the very last, fer Dick has managed somehow to pull through. Probably he wuz saved by the rurales that wuz chasin' the band that rounded us up. No; it's Payson, Jack Payson, that made up that pack uv lies jes' to keep you away from me, the man that wuz last with Dick, an' so may get on to Jack's game an' block it."

"Game! What game?" asked Bud, bewildered.

"Why, you told me it yerself—to marry Dick's girl an' live on Dick's hard earned money."

"But Dick borrowed the three thousand of Jack," objected Bud.

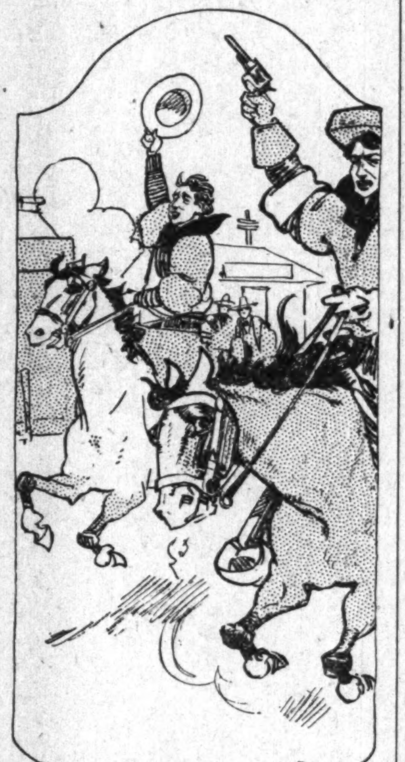
"Well, the dollars he borrowed have all gone, hain't they? And the money he's sendin' back Dick dug out uv the ground by hard work, didn't he? Leastaways, Payson hadn't ort to use the money to rope in Dick's girl. It ort to be kep' from him, anyhow, till Dick comes on the ground his own self. That 'd hold up the weddin', all right, if I know Josephine. It 'd be easy to steer her into refusin' to let Echo go into a mortgiged home."

Simple minded Bud readily accepted the wily half breed's explanations and surmises and fell into the trap he was preparing. This was to hold up the express agent and rob him of the money Payson was expecting, on securing which it was McKee's intention to flee the country before Dick Lane returned to denounce him. To ascertain just when the money came into the agent's hands and to act as a cover in the robbery itself an accomplice was needed. For this purpose no man in all the Sweetwater region was better adapted than Bud Lane. Frank and friendly with every one, he would be trusted by the most suspicious and cautious official in Pinal county. The fact that he had chosen Buck McKee as an associate had already gone far to rehabilitate this former "bad man" in the good graces of the community. Under cover of this friendship McKee hoped to escape suspicion of any kind in the homicide he contemplated.

For it was murder—foul, unprovoked murder—that was in the black soul of the half breed. He intended to incriminate Bud so deeply as to put it beyond all thought that he would confess.

Young Lane, passionately loyal to his brother, was ready for anything that would delay Payson's marriage to Echo Allen. Together with the wild joy that sprang up in his heart at the thought that his brother was alive was intwined a violent hatred against his former employer. In the fierce turbulence within his soul, generated by the meeting of these great emotions, he was impelled to enter upon a mad debauch, in which McKee abetted and joined him.

Filling up on bad whisky, they rode through the streets of Florence yelling and shooting their guns like crazy men. It was while they were engaged in this spectacular exhibition of horsemanship, gun play and vocalization that Bud's sweetheart rode into town to execute some commissions in preparation for Echo Allen's wedding. Already "blue" over the thought that her own wedding was far in the dim future, poor Polly was cast into the depths of despair and disgust by the drunken riot in which her prospective husband was indulging with her particular aversion, the cruel, calf torturing half breed, McKee. Thoroughly mortified, she slipped out of town by a side street and moodily rode back to Allen Hacienda.



Yelling and shooting their guns like crazy men.

(Continued Next Week,)

A WAIL FROM A PESSIMIST.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 19, 1909.

Mr. Editor:

Sir—In this twentieth century what is to become of the Negroes in America, these United States? As a people, don't you know that they are fast losing out in all things as humans? Don't you know that as a people among people, that with all of their skilled labor and education, that they are not in it and are going backward instead of forward? What is the outlook for the Negro race here today? Solve this problem, please, or let the people in general answer it.

Have you ever thought or stopped to think of their present condition? Don't you know that they are almost shut out of doors and barred from the business avenues of life? Don't you know that the foreigners are wiping the Negroes off of the face of the earth, taking their jobs, their work and filling their places in all avocations of life? What has become of the Negro since emancipation? Two-thirds of the American people have dropped them, and the majority rules. Therefore, sir, what of their future and the Negroes' destiny?

Please publish in your paper and oblige JOSEPH W. S. BANKS.

Here is a case of pessimism gone to seed. He sees things as through a glass darkly. In his alarums he has said some things that indicate that he has been thinking, although in a groove. He has been meditating all alone, permitting stagnation of thought, because he has shut off the means of the great current of thought that should influence his own. His thought receptacles need a good flushing. Perhaps we might have spoken of Mr. Banks in different language, but had we have done so the meaning would have been the same.

An inkling of truth is scattered about in what Mr. Banks says, but nothing like the whole truth. The Negroes are losing out in some fields of labor where they should not lose out, since they are especially fitted to do certain kinds of work. Hotel work and its likes, that of barber, porter, where the pay is very good despite the titles of the situations, seem to be passing, and simply because too many prefer to be third-rate professional people. The small pay and the lack of fitness are against some of the professions at this time. The tendency has been to disregard the commoner occupations in favor of the chosen ones, so much so until it has attracted attention. The result has been displacement in the interest of the white people.

However, what has been lost in one direction has been gained in another. But there is no reason why the colored people should not hold their own in either situation. The commoner situations are much more remunerative. Those that would be discarded are actually the best in a money sense.

The race seems to be going backward in the esteem of the white people only. And this is not really what it seems. In the past a sort of general guardianship was exercised owing to the pitiable condition of the race. There was, a preponderance of what may be termed animal love; as the individual loves his horse, feeds it, protects it. The Negroes were not supposed to reach up and actually compete for the very best things of life, measuring and being measured as the white people. When this condition was manifest the white people put them on their merits, withdrew the patronization, and in consequence of which the Negroes feel the loss of that warm and comforting support; they practically stand alone. The fact is in their favor to some extent—the making of them. They must swim or sink, survive or perish; the sustaining hand as it has been best known is withdrawn.

The Negroes are yet making it in some one way or the other, proving that they are not cut off from anything beyond the erstwhile favoritism. As much money as formerly does not seem to flow to the race, and owing to the loss of many of the situations spoken of, They are, however, generally employed. They will be found in a hundred pursuits today to one of several years ago, taking their chances with white men. They have set up stores and shops and seem fairly content with the meager wage earned over and above expenses. Really the small shops and stores are the right places under the circumstances. There are opportunities. A people do not need more than opportunity. Then there is the farm, with its great diversity of employment. There is no such thing as losing out unless the race so wills it. If it is bent on fine notions, fine jobs that it did not make possible, the chances are it will get just what it deserves.

No race is so happily situated as the Negro's for making it in the world. It is not persona grata to much of the affairs by white people. Yet it is not in a sense restricted; it may do things similar. If it fails we can not see that the white people are in fault. The white people have no particular love for the Negroes; many have respect, regard, appreciation. It is to them that we are obligated for our daily bread, as little as we think of it and as little as we may get. If they were of a mind they could really make conditions hard for the Negroes. Japanese and Chinese are not expected in the country in large numbers. The Negroes are here by the millions. No one thinks of them leaving. In the South the man that seeks to have the Negroes leave for other sections is not looked on with favor. But it is a long story; too long and too important for hasty treatment. Sufficient to say at present that Mr. Banks has not taken proper inventory. We do not know what tomorrow may bring forth, but we know that the fate of the future, as suggested by the outlook today, is totally within the keeping of the race.

BRAWN AT A PREMIUM.

The unheard-of purse of $110,000 is now being offered for the Johnson-Jeffries fight. Intellect doubtless is dazed over this great valuation of brawn. Intellect has no legitimate way of making so much money within the given time. Yet there are two sides to the story. The inevitable rule is that that which comes easily goes easily, whether it refers to wealth or "capital." Capital in this instance is brawn. The pugilist might write it Johnson & Co., Ltd., or Jeffries & Co., Ltd. In a few years the best must retire in the face of coming victors; crowded to the ropes they all in time will be, in a very short time. Their time is limited. Ten years of fighting and the most valiant retires. John Sullivan, when scarcely forty years, was old for the arena. The princely sums he received for fighting were spent as a matter of keeping up with his importance. Some may do better, some may not do so well, but he is a pretty fair type of the sportsman's gait. They are big, whole-souled fellows—built that way—those fighters. Gans felt it his duty to give a round hundred dollars to the Italian sufferers. They all think money in the big, make it in the big, spend it in the big.

But when the ten years of usefulness are up the stars of the ring have about run the extent of their usefulness. What then? A few wiser ones judiciously invested their earnings and when the after years inquire after them they will answer with heads above the waves. Not the many, however; simply the few—the exceptions to the rule.

In the meanwhile slow, dull, plodding intellect holds on, holds out, takes its time. It is fairly without limitations. Three score years and ten may find it hale and hearty, enjoying the favor and earnings of the earlier days. Forty years of good service are not unusual before decrepitude begins its deadly mission. In the meanwhile the wants and needs have been moderate. So in the end intellect has played the part of the turtle that ran the race with the hare and won out.

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Special to THE FREEMAN.

The A. M. E. church building is nearing completion, as is the Federal building. Each will be an ornament to the section in which it is located... Major D. M. Scott, the newly appointed postmaster, will assume charge of the office on the 1st. The major is a first-class business man, and well liked by all who know him. The retiring postmaster has held the office for twenty-two years... Prohibition has been in force for three weeks and many think it has come to stay. The greater part of our people favor prohibition... The graduates of the city representing the different schools of the State have organized societies in the interest of their respective schools... The Tanaduga Society had an interesting meeting last week at the home of Mrs. Sims.

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SATURDAY, FEB. 6, 1909.

In the return of Rev. Graham to his first love, the A. M. E. Church, will the fattening calf be slain?

The weatehr of a few days of the recent past is, in earnest, what it might be. A little easy at this writing.

It is to be hoped the wave of shooting and killing is over. The town is not ready to turn over to "thugdom."

The centennary of Abraham Lincoln will be observed by the colored people of Indianapolis under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

Let the Frederick Douglass Association take the proper steps in the homestead preservation matter. The pennies, nickels and dimes will come in all right.

The National Negro Business League is one of those silent, yet potent, factors that is doing much in shaping Negro affairs in the right direction.

The "fun" is on. A bill before the Legislature having for its object higher license, a reduction of drinking places and the repeal of the present local option laws. It has been expected for some time.

A Negro bank is on the tapis for Louisville, Ky. That city has not kept pace with its opportunity in the past. It, however, at this time shows signs of breaking over the older order of things. The new regime is in the saddle, and the Negro contingent is geeting a move on.

We rise to say that the money necessary for defraying the indebtedness of the Frederick Douglass home can be had if the committee will go after it in the right way. The colored people are willing to aid in perpetuating the memory of the great Douglass.

A little more clemency in the Brownsville business and the thing will be over. The public is tired, real tired, of it, yet its finish is no where in sight. We just as well admit that the game is spiked against the Negroes. A President, Senate committee and two courts in opposition ought to look something like formidability.

Mr. H. T. Pratt, of the Business League of Baltimore, in an address to the league recently, spoke of the terrible financial consequences that would follow the withdrawal of the 30,000 Jews from that city. He wished to emphasize the fact that the withdrawal of 100,000 Negroes would not mean nsarly so much. It was a big lesson in little.

Don't forget that a certain per cent of the Negroes is due on the farms, in agricultural pursuits. The diversity of labor calls for such a program among all peoples, and most especially is it so regarding Negroes. The doctor, the lawyer, the professional men of all description will fare better when the "laity" has thoroughly cared for its opportunity.

"I stand ready to go with the whites today right into hell to protect a woman, white or black, against a fiend," said Bishop E. W. Lampton, of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in his charge to the Louisiana conference of his church recently. "Womanhood must be protected; let us do our part." We hope the bishop has in mind going to hell legally. Let the despoiler go to hell legitimately. The law's ends will have been subserved and he is not without his hell.

Cardinal Gibbons has expressed himself as against suffrage laws made especially for the benefit of a single race. He does not oppose election tests, but they should apply to all alike, white people or Negroes. The position is ideal, squaring with the constitution, and such as is approved by the well-thinking people throughout the country. Indeed, the South claims to do that very thing—presenting a test for all. It fails not in the letter, but in the spirit, limiting by a system of evasion or invention.

The guillotine, the old instrument of execution, has been revived in France. It was a great factor in the revolutionary days of France, when the wagons filled with victims awaited their turn. It seems cruel in this far-away day, but perhaps it were a war necessity. It will live in history, coexistent with the bastile—one a swift and merciful engine of death, the other a soul-wrecking, marrow-severing pest-house, that the world yet rejoices to see come tumbling down stone after stone. The guillotine is loved none too well, as merciful as it may be; it suggests a slaughter pen. But no mode of punishment is pleasant.

Senator Jeff Davis, of Arkansas, worked this off in the Senate the other day:

"For the last twelve months the country has been regaled with an exhaustive and learned argument as to whether or not the President of the United States had the right to discharge a lot of kinky-headed niggers from the army who, in a drunken riot, shot up a helpless and defenseless people."

And very little "relevancy it bore" to the question he was discussing—just had to say it. In the time of war these same kinky-heads will look like a band of angels.

A colored labor agent of New Gascony, Ark., tells of an attempt to lynch him in Louisiana because he was preparing to take laborers out of the district. The effort to lynch Jones, the agent, was a bold, bad plot. Some g ,ooohd-etaoni shrdlu cmfwypcmfwy good, however, resulted of the attempt to put him out of commission. It is plain that the Negro workman is wanted right where he is regardless of whatever wrongs he may endure. To be preferred as a workman is a great recommendation. The South prefers the colored man, and looks with ill grace on those who would take him from his present fields.

Judging by the beautiful calendars circulated by colored business men, prosperity has set in for them. The idea is good, according to human nature. "He that hath also will it be given unto him, while he that hath not that which he seemeth to have will be taken from him." Excerpts from the veda of our common life and of yet more ancient authority. In short, one must make a noise like prosperity if he would succeed greatly. Pity is given in adversitq very often, but somehow it is not much associated with the material side. He that excites our pity, ordinarily speaking, fails to excite our pocketbooks.

REV. DR. D. A. GRAHAM RE-ENTERS THE FOLD.

The A. M. E. Church will be pleasurably startled to know that Rev. D. A. Graham, D. D., has rejoined the church of his first choice. He broke with the church a few years ago because he was opposed to some of the methods in the ministry and in the church generally. He set himself aside as a reformer, wrote many articles and letters supporting his views and accusations. These in the most part reached the papers, giving him wide publicity. Dr. Graham was popular with the brethren and with the bishops, a man of ability and of piety, insuring him always the best churches in the connection. He was at one time pastor of Bethel Church of Indianapolis. His pulpit manner was of a calm order, dignified, not at all demonstrative. His language was chaste and elegant, although he did not seem to care to be eloquent in the most accepted sense. If any fault at all was apparent it was perhaps that of an overemphasis on his virtue.

The erstwhile recalcitrant has written a letter asking in a manner mercy of the church and forgiveness for his recalcitrancy or his "rebeldom," virtually exclaiming, "peccavi" —I have sinned. He will enter the fold with an humble, contrite heart, holding it better to sit on the doorsteps of the house of the Lord than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

More than likely the church will welcome back the distinguished Graham. It needs the services of able, God-fearing men. They may not be so popular of the moment, but better for the church in the long run.

INDIANA AND THE NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE.

Reviewing the account of the meeting of the executive board of the National Negro Business League held recently with Booker T. Washington, the president, at Tuskegee, gives rise to a query as to in just what degree Indiana is practically related to this great national movement among the colored people of this country. The object of the league, expressed and understood, is to inspire commercial and material progress among colored people, in which particular, according to reports furnished by member of the board attending the late meeting, the league is, in a general sense, succeeding. For instance, according to Mr. J. C. Napier, chairman of the board, when the league was organized in 1900 there were only two colored banks, and at present, in less than ten years since the National League's organization, there are forty or more, and to an encouraging degree business enterprises in many of the leading commercial lines have been started in various parts of the country. These influences have been more directly set in motion by local leagues, which are supposed to be in active operation in about all of the States largely populated by colored people. Reports like these, when accepted in toto, inspire a pardonable gratification at such achievements in the aggregate, and only when we turn to a consideration of the part, as States, we are playing in this roseate summary, does the blatant truth—the unvarnished facts—present themselves for our consideration. Since, as it were, the beginning of the National League movement, Indiana has, by her sympathy and general interest in the project, been well in the forefront.

By the cordial invitation of Indianapolis colored citizens, coupled with that of the Governor, the State and municipal officers, the National League was the guest of the city of Indianapolis in 1904, and its entertainment was such as was conceded to reflect credit upon the city also. Each succeeding convention of the National League has had Indiana representatives among its visitors, and yet, despite all this showing of general fealty to the cause represented by the league, truth compels us to admit that an interest which displays itself in the organization and the fostering of local leagues, which are regarded as the mainspring to the larger action, has been almost, if not totally, lacking. We cannot regard the several spasmodic outbursts of league enthusiasm which have preceded specific events as indicating zeal, bearing a commendable stamp, or such as is calculated to work much benefit to its professed object. As an illustration of this, a league spasmodically organized in Indianapolis, about two years ago, has not had a meeting for nearly two years, and this is the only recent attempt at organization. There may be similar situations existing in other cities in Indiana, provided, however, that local leagues have ever been organized in them, of which fact, if true, The Freeman has no knowledge. These conditions, as was said in the beginning, compel us to seek to know our actual active relation to the National body. When we say "our," we mean, first, the city of Indianapolis, with its upwards of 40,000 colored people and, secondly, the great State of Indiana, which has held a place in every field of noble endeavor—in statecraft, literature, the military field, music and art—that has reflected credit upon her and has earned for her an enviable reputation at home and abroad

The coming of the next National convention to Louisville, which is at our very threshold, should arouse in the breast of every loyal member of the race an anxiety to measure arms in our effort to contribute real material aid to the development of the National League with any other State in the Union. This cannot be hoped for under the lethargic conditions now existing in this State, conditions which we feel we cannot hope to have remedied until they are revealed.

LYNCHBURG, VA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Virginia Baptist Theological Seminary and College has been under quarantine for the past week, owing to a case of smallpox developing among the student body...Dr. S. B. Hill, one of the city's most popular physicians, who has been confined to his home on account of illness for several days, is now convalescent...T. K. Gibson, of the *American Trumpet* staff, left last week to assume charge of St. Paul's Academy at Lawrenceville...The church work throughout the city is apparently in a wholesome condition. Evangelistic services at the Jackson Street M. E. Church closed recently with the church in a highly spiritually revived condition. The Baptist Ministerial and Deacons' Union met last Sunday at the great Diamond Hill Baptist Church of which Dr. B. Tyrrell is pastor...Prof. T. P. Smith's business college, as one of the oldest and most reliable institutions of its kind in the country, is still maintaining the same high standard of work at 900 Fifth street...Rev. L. O. Lewis, the energetic young pastor of the Eighth Street Baptist Church, was out of the city last week...The Afro-American Doll Co. is making an eminent success with the manufacturing of Negro dolls. Rev. R. L. Wynn is the proprietor...The Young Woman's Christian Industrial Mission at 900 Fifth street affords a free reading room and place of recreation for strange young colored women coming to Lynchburg. Open every afternoon from 1:30 to 6 o'clock. Free luncheon every Thursday afternoon. Vesper, Sunday evenings at 5. ...Dr. S. A. Garland, pastor of the White Rock Baptist Church, was recently elected president of the Baptist Ministers' Conference of Lynchburg and vicinity...The Richmond Beneficial Insurance Co. has taken on life phenomenally since the coming of the new manager, M. C. Holland. ...Mrs. Hettie Morten-Jackson is an unusually fine instructor on the piano in this city...THE FREEMAN is for sale each week at the Young Woman's Christian Industrial Mission, 900 Fifth street.

KALAMAZOO, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Quince Black of Dayton, O., was called home on account of her husband's illness...Herbert Hall and his lady friend were in Battle Creek and attended the Park Theatre...J. O. Daniels, a candy-maker of this city, has returned from a hunting trip in the northern part of the State...Wm. Williams of Andrew Diehl's barber shop celebrated his birthday in grand style..."The Comedy Four," a colored quartet, billed at the Majestic Theatre this week and made a decided hit.

SHERMAN, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Copies of THE FREEMAN hereafter will be found on sale at the following places only: Mrs. G. W. Hume's cafe, 419 1-2 East Pecan street, near the Union Depot; Messrs. Jas. Carson & Elmer Williams tonsorial parlors...Little Eva May Thomas, the month and two days old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thomas, died last Friday night, the 22nd. Interment at West Hill Cemetery on the 23d...Mrs. O. W. Porter, Mrs. G. W. English and Miss Myrtle Robinson are organizing a new movement class in St. John C. M. E. Sunday school...Webb Douglass, an old and respected citizen, died here Jan. 24 after an illness of several months. He was a very skilled carpenter. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. K. Hawkins, Rev. E. W. Wright and Rev. D. J. Crawford at St. John C. M. E. Church. Interment at West Hill Cemetery.

LAWRENCE, MASS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

William Lloyd Garrison Lodge No. 20, K. of P., of E. and W. H., will give their first anniversary. Ladies' night and ball will be held Thursday evening, Feb. 25, at Saunders Hall. The committee on arrangements is as follows: F. D. Lane, chairman; E. H. Brooks, A. E. Evans, H. R. Mitchell, A. L. Hamilton, E. L. Brown, C. H. Stewart, J. W. Smith, I. E. Allston, W. M. Hazard and R. Taliaferro, Lowell.

MT. VERNON, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The A. M. E. revival has closed after three weeks and a half of meetings. The meetings were quite a success with twelve additions...Rev. T. J. White preached a fine sermon Sunday morning to the converts...The Free Will Baptists have closed their revival with quite a success, and the Missionary Baptists have also closed their meeting...Wm. C. Felton had a narrow escape Friday morning from a stove explosion...The Y. P. C. Club of Free Baptist Church held their first annual masquerade at Felton's Hall Friday night. ...Wm. Camborn of East St. Louis spent a few days in the city with friends...The King David Relief Corps will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln Sunday afternoon at the A. M. E. Church...John Henry McGill has been appointed an agent of THE FREEMAN. Persons knowing themselves to be indebted to H. J. Thompson for THE FREEMAN will please pay up...Mrs. Mary F. Thompson is nursing a sprained ankle...On the sick list are Silas Johnson, Emma Glover, Bettie Purchman, Rufus Hall and Mrs. Fanny Jones Hamilton...Henry Yancy of Metropolis, Ill., spent a few days in the city the guest of H. J. Thompson and family.

FLINT, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Jan. 31 was the second quarterly meeting of the A. M. E. Church. Presiding Elder Rev. H. Allen was here and he preached two fine sermons and several joined the church...The revival meetings that have been going on at the church have been successful and a number have been converted...Mrs. H. Owen entertained at a 6 o'clock dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Fisher of Toledo. Covers were laid for twelve...Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of Grand Rapids, who have been helping in the meeting at the A. M. E. Church, have returned to their home... Mrs. Tom Grinage gave a 12 o'clock dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Fisher of Toledo, O. Covers were laid for twenty.

LOST RELATIVE.

I wish to find out the whereabouts of my brother, Willie Williams, whom I have not heard from for some time. At one time he traveled with Cole Bros. circus. My maiden name was Mary B. Williams. Any information will be gladly received. Address Mrs. Mary G. Colbert, General Delivery, Oklahoma City, Okla.

SCHOOL EXERCISES HELD

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office where he applies for claims for his patients.

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The Woman's Auxiliary to the local Negro Business League met last week and elected the following officers: Mrs. J. B. Cooper, president; Miss N. H. Burroughs, vice-president; Miss Pearl Whire, secretary and Mrs. C. H. Parrish, treasurer.

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Mr. William J. Calery, of Frankfort, Ky., is in the city and is the printer for the *Kentucky Standard*. Mr. Calary is a printer of experience and much is now expected of the coming editions of the *Standard*. *The Standard* chops, no matter where the chips fly.

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Miss Georgia Carter, the efficient clerk of the Eastern School is proving quite an adept in her office work. Miss Carter is the only woman in the city employed at such a position and she also teaches night school in the same building.

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Exercises will be held at the California School of which Miss Lucy Du Valle is principal, on February 11. The exercises will include songs, choruses and stories of Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Cary B. Lewis has been invited by the principal to be the speaker to deliver a short address.

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Mr. Thomas Cole reports that he will have two Chinese to cook for him at the Pekin Cafe. This means that the people of this city will have an opportunity to get some of the best cooking in the city. They will come direct from Chicago. They will be experienced chefs and no doubt Mr. Cole will do a fine business.

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An effort is now being made by about twenty of the most well to do white women of the city to raise $1000 for the Red Cross Sanitarium, which has a burdened debt.

They hope to raise it by February 12. These women are calling upon the people at large and most likely the sum will be raised. Already $400 has been subscribed.

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The Dancing Academy which meets every Tuesday night at Odd Fellows Hall is making preparations to give the Williams and Walker company a grand reception the Tuesday night they are in this city. The whole company will be urged to attend and late music will be introduced as well as dances. Messrs. George Evans and Tom Young are managers of the dancing school.

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Final arrangements have been completed for Lincoln centenary anniversary celebration. Lawyer N. R. Harper will be master of ceremonies and Judge Wheeler McGee and a number of other prominent speakers will be on the programme. The exercises will take place from the Chestnut street Methodist church. The citizens are cordially invited to be present on the occasion. There will be special music by members of the various choirs of the city.

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Mr. George Slaughter, the agent of THE FREEMAN wishes to thank his many friends who purchase the paper from him every week. THE FREEMAN has the largest circulation here of any colored paper in the city. This is due to the large amount of news given from Louisville in these columns., the reliability of THE FREEMAN and the hustling qualities of its agent. Persons who wish THE FREEMA& or any advertising, see Mr. Slaughter. He will also take news items.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Murphy celebrated their forty-seventh marriage anniversary last week at their home, 1923 West Broadway. The affair was a surprise and it was given by Mrs. Mead Hightower, Miss Lillian Tribble and Miss Marie Murphy. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy are two of the most widely known people in the city and have a large circle of friends. On the night of the anniversary, there was a beautiful table set for the occasion and it was loaded with delicacies of the season.

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The Young Men's Progressive League met las week at the office of Dr. J. A. C. Lattimore and elected the following officers: Dr. J. A. C. Lattimore, president; W. H. Bright, vice-president; W. M. Evans secretary; James Black, treasurer and Thomas Cole, chairman of the Board of directors. The club decided on motion of Mr. Bridgeford Simms, to change the constitution so that they could begin immediately to rent a place of meeting. The outlook is very brigt for a meeting house.

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Miss Nannie H. Burroughs left last week for New York City, where she addressed the members of the Abysinnia Baptist church. She will be in the East for a month and will make a number of addresses in the interest of the National Training School for Girls. While away Miss Burroughs will also tell about the Douglass Calendar which she is promoting. For a real common sense and intelligent speaker, Miss Burroughs, says the London Times, is great. In two weeks she will be in Washington, D. C., her home, where the National Training School is located.

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Guy W. Smith, Jr., the young son of Mr. Rochelle Smith, the well known furniture mover and packer, died Sunday morning of appendicitis. Young Guy was about eighteen years of age and a student at the Central High School and a member of the Fifth Street Baptist Sunday School. He was one of the most well known young boys in the city and was known for his politeness and good nature. He was the grandson of Guy W. Smith, the oldest furniture packer in the city. The funeral was held at the Fifth Street Baptist church.

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The political pot is beginning to boil. Prominent men are looming up for the mayoralty nomination. Of the candidates that have announced thus far we are acquainted only with Mr. Roger H. Burlingame. He is a newspaper man of large experience and desk editor on the Louisville Times. He is a candidate for the legislature of the 51st Dist. and if we were in his ward, would sure cast a vote for him. He is imbibed with that fair and impartial spirit of "Marse Henry Watterson" and is destined to become a leading figure in the history of Kentucky. We wish the gentleman success in his race for the nomination.

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The memorial services in memory of the late Bishop Thomas U. Dudley, at the Episcopal church of Our Merciful Savior last Sunday attracted a very large number of communicants of the church. It was through Bushop Dudley that the present handsome and commodious church was purchased, and up to the time of his death, he showed interest in the education and evangelization of the colored people of this city.

The Rev. Leroy Ferguson, rector of the church preached the memorial sermon. He spoke of the bishop's marked ability and conscientious work in the interest of Episcopalians and his chairmanship of the House of Bishops.

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Mr. Simon Dunmore, a Louisville boy, who has "made good" at home and other parts of the country on the stage is with us for four weeks. He will then leave for Lexington, Ky. Mr. Dunmore has a troupe of seven at the Pekin Theatre.

Mr. Dunmore is arranging to give the Williams and Walker company a special matinee during their stay here. It is being planned for Friday and will be given in honor of Bert Williams, George Walker, Marion Cook, Alex Rogers, Jessie Shipp, Mesdames Walker and Williams and the entire company. Mr. Dunmore will use his own ocmpany and the best local talent that has been playing at the New Pekin. Bud Lively famous for singing the "Blues" and a number of other amateurs have been selected to entertain the races' two matchless comedians and their company.

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The citizens of the city need to congratulate the Rev. E. G. Harris, pastor of the Plymouth Congregational church, for bringing before the Ministers Alliance, the importance of a new high school. They should also applaud the Alliance if they take up the matter and push it to the bitter end. We believe if the Negro business men and the clergy of ourt city would come together and have a push and a shove and some more real active work in behalf of a High School, at no distant time would we see evidences of an erection of such an important institution.

While we are subscribing in the campaign for a new Berea and we are not positive where it is to be located, it is high time that we should pull and work for a High School here. We need a High School and we need it badly. Every Negro organization in the city should show some spirit of help in this matter. There is no religion or politics in it. It's a case of a new school for our children and our children's children. It is to be hoped that the ministers and business men of the city will get right down to this important need and help get us a new High School and other things that are necessary for an up to date public institution.

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The addition of Reverend Gorham and the Reverend Hannum to the pulpits of the city and those who are here already, Louisville points with pride to its refined and cultured ministry. With the Revs. Harris, Ferguson, Frank, Anderson, Jackson, Parrish, Jordan, Brown, Allen and others, the citizens of this city have the very highest respect. When these ministers call for contributions, the people come to their aid..

They stand high in this community and saint and sinner have the very highest regard for them. It is because they conduct themselves as "brethren of the cloth." In their discussions at the Y. M. C. A. they show a marked degree of ability and research. It has come as a comfort to the citizens of the city that these good men are going to head a movement for a new and better High School.

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The Standard Realty Company has opened headquarters at the Douglass building, with Mr. W. T. Offut as manager. The Rev. L. G. Jordan is connected with the company and other men who are well known in this city. Those who are connected with the new company are men of character and financial standing in the community and are not strangers.

It is believed by those connected with the company tht a great deal of good can be doen for those who are anxious to better their conditions along the lines of buying property.

Mr. Offut, the manager, will graduate from the State University this spring and has already had some experience in the business. He was introduced before the Ministers Meeting last Monday and each minister promised that he would lend the young man his assistance.

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The "Black Cabinet" as styled by our good friend Col. R. W. Thompson of Washington City, is becoming very popular. We have one they say in Louisville. It is composed of five Negroes who have cozy jobs in the city administration. It is claimed that they recommend persons to the Board of Safety and Public Works, who have made application for employment. If they disqualify you that is the end of it.

One brilliant young Negro who is not a member of the "Black Cabinet" but has a "soft job," is Mr. Parker. He played quiet a prominent part in the last campaign for Mr. Taft and he stands high in the councils of the party. The "Cabinet" is trying to eliminate Mr. Parker and there is the rub. Mr. Parker claims that he is with the administration and is desirous of future "plums" and is going to stay intact with the powers that be, while the "Cabinet" says Parker must be eliminated. Mr. Parker is keen and shrewd and has his eye on his political rivals. The battle is expected to hotly contested. While it is a case of five to one, it is believed that Mr. Parker, an original newspaper man, will win out in the end.

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Louisville will have a rare treat next Monday night when Prof. William Pickens, a graduate of Yale university will address the graduates of the Normal class of the Eastern school, of which Prof. A. E. Meyzeek is principal and Prof. W. S. Peyton, is instructor. Professor Pickins is one of the most brilliant young men in the country. His college and university achievements have been a source of great pride to the Negroes of this country. He graduated from Fisk College, with a master's degree. He entered Yale and graduated with a bachelor's degree. He won for Yale on the night of his graduation, the inter-collegiate contest. As an orator, he is polished, refined and thoughtful. In his discussions he shows that he is prepared and well trained in the art of speaking. It was last summer here at the National Teachers' Association that he won the hearts of the Louisville people and the Louisville *Courier Journal* pronounced him one of the best Negro speakers that ever graced a platform. Louisville welcomes young Mr. Pickins and we assure him a magnificent audience. The four graduates will be Misses Emma Lee Claybrooks, Aljulia Coleman, Fannie Marshall and Estella Clayton. Miss Lauretta Dodd, one of Louisville's charming singers will augment the Choral Society under the direction of Miss Boureguard. The commencement is expected to be largely attended.

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The Negroes of the city went on record Monday night as condemning the Governor of Kentucky, A. C. Wilson, by ignoring them in the Lincoln Memorial Committee that was appointed by him to go to Hodgensville, as an escort to the President of the United States. On February 12, a large number of prominent Kentuckians are to go to the Lincoln farm where there is to be held the centenary anniversary celebration and the Governor appointed a committee and left the "brother" out.

At a meeting held here Monday night a petition was presented and signed to be sent to the President of the United States, stating that the Negroes were ignored and and asking that he urge a Negro to go on the Lincoln committee. The Negroes characterized the Governor's act as most unkind and the local Lincoln committee elected ten of their own number to go to Hodgensville.

Among the signers were Dr. W. T. Merchant, William H. Leonard, Geo. Tolbert and a number of women. Dr. C. H. Parrish and the Rev. L. G. Jordan opposed the petition being sent, but the body did not reconsider their action, and it was allowed to stand.

Those who were elected to to the Lincoln farm were, Dr. W. T. Merchant, William Leonard, the Rev. L. G. Jordan, the Rev. C. H. Parrish, the Rev. E. P. Marrs, J. W. McWhorter, N. R. Harper, Geo. Tolbert and James Murphy.

The Rev. Jordan made an eloquent plea for the programme committee be instructed to have the speakers include in their addresses the name of Fred Douglass. It was carried after some discussion.

On the night of the speaking, the Mayor of the city and a number of judges and prominent Negroes will ride to the Y. M. C. A. and new library for inspection and then drive to the church. Lawyer I. E. Black will be master of ceremonies. The final meeting will be held Monday night, Februar 8.

CARY B. LEWIS.

WANTED—Man pianist, one who can sing and play; tenor voice; good character. W. R. Carter, 3403 Dearborn street Chicago, Ill.

NOTICE.

To Whom It May Concern:

Mrs. Lucy Van Dyke, the widow of George Pompie Van Dyke, 920 Fayette street, Indianapolis, Ind., would like to locate, obtain the address or any information concerning the whereabouts of Mr. Thomas Lewis, formerly of Indianapolis, who soldiered with George Pompie Van Dyke in the United States army, at Ft. Davis, Tex., prior to 1881, under Capt. Charles D. Viele, Company C, of Tenth Regiment of cavalry. Any information will be gladly received. Other papers please copy.

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McCabe's Minstrels continue to do good business.

Charles McKenzie has closed with the "Florida Blossoms" show and is spendng a few days at hs home, 6 Box street, Atlanta, Ga. Paul Carter, write.

B. H. Johnson and E. S. Mason are doing fine in their comedy acrobatic work with Morgan & Sawary's Minstrels. They send regards to all in and out of the profession.

The Whitman Sisters are still in Atlanta with their mother, who continues very ill. They have many contracts for work, but find it impossible to accept any for an indefinite period.

The State College Comedy Company of Orangeburg, S. C., played the "Black Politician" last month and it was quite a success. W. S. Hart played the part of "Hezekiah Doo," and E. W. Jennings took the part of "Ephraim Johnson."

Mrs. Laura Smith of 1126 Green street, Louisville, Ky., entertained her brother, Sam Aryarce, of the Pekin Quartet of Chicago. The ladies present were Mrs. White, Mrs. Wheatley and Mrs. Whitney. The Pekin Quartet entertained the Canners' Association at the Gault House Feb. 1 and 2.

Barnes & Dunsmore Stock Company opened Sunday night, Jan. 31, at the new Pekin Theatre in Louisville, Ky., with S. R. O. Will remain there two weeks and will then go to Lexington for two weeks; then a return engagement for Louisville. Will close the stock company and go to New York to fill an engagement with the circus at Madison Square Garden. Regards to all.

Jennie Pearl Larkins of the "Smart Set" company will close her engagement with the company at St. Louis tonight, which is very much regretted by the management and members. Mrs. Larkins is highly admired both on account of her ability and charming personality. She was recently married to "Jolly" John Larkins and it is at his request that she gives up her successful season with the "Smart Set."

R. Roy Pope, the well-known cornetist, and Rufus Wilson, members of the "In Old Kentucky" band, were entertained Thursday afternoon, Jan. 28, by Billie Butler, the well-known trap drummer, at his residence, 5813 Kirkwood street, Pittsburg, Pa. An enjoyable afternoon was spent, after which a delightful dinner was served by Mr. Butler's sister, Mrs. Ella Harris. Covers were laid for the following: Messrs. R. Roy Pope, Rufus Wilson, Jerry Harris, A. Baker White, Oliver Adkins, Foster O. White and Billy Butler.

C. P. Stinson, the premier colored banjoist, filled an engagement at the Majestic Theatre, Lorain, O., the week of the 25th. Mr. Stinson is as clever a banjoist as has appeared in this city for quite a while. He has had a notable career as a banjoist, having won the champion banjo medal at Kansas City, Mo., April 26, 1886, the celebrated Dan Polk being one of the contestants. This clever musician is one of the very few artists who have the honor of having played before the former Prince of Wales, now King Edward of England. He made a hit at every performance. He has also achieved a notable success in vaudeville. Mr. Stinson is a native of Pittsburg, Pa.

RETIRE FROM STAGE.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lewis, who for many years were billed large on show boards of the Southern stages, have retired from the business and are now with their little son, who was featured as "the smallest comedian in the world," at 406 North Senate avenue, Indianapolis, where they have a fine chop suey cafe and lodging house for the profession.

THE MAJESTIC THEATER, VICKSBURG, MISS.

Garfield McGee, J. J. Perry, Frank Tansel, and Mrs. Leola May Gus are making good singing "And a Little Bit More." Miss Aggie Tansel is doing nicely, and McGee is singing his own song, taking three and four encores each night. It is entitled "Time Too Fast to Wait." Best wishes to all in or out of the profession.

BROADWAY THEATER, LORAIN, O.

The Brinkleys, that popular comedy duo in their comedy skit "A Darktown Flirtation" played an engagement here the week of the 25th and pleased large houses every show. They are at present on the Vesbeck circuit and send regards to all. Lloyd Moore, that young but ambitious musician, has just finished writing a musical comedy in three acts called "My Friend from My Home," which he intends taking on the road next season. Harry Edwards is still holding the position as stage manager and sends regards to all friends.

STAR THEATER AT CHARLOTTE, N. C.

There has been great improvement in the theatre since Lee Henderson has been in charge. The company is showing to a crowded house each night. Miss Lillie Grite is making a big hit with the "Teddy Bear." Miss Rosetter is singing "Tickle Me, Babe," with much success, and Miss Mary Marvin is doing well singing "The Moon Has His Eyes on You." Frank Philip is making good with "L-o-v-e Spells Trouble to Me," while Chas. Garite is bringing the house down with "You Are in the Right Church but in the Wrong Pew." R. Brown is making them laugh sixty times to a minute. John Reese is the successful musical director.

ALLEN'S MINSTRELS.

We are still in Florida. Our manager, Mr. Quine, returned last week from Chicago, bringing new costumes for band, orchestra and first part, the costumes representing an expenditure of over $900. Our first part now is one great outburt of dazzling splendor. It is worth the price of admission to see it. C. A. Larose, female impersonator and mellophone player, better known as the "Merry Widow," sends regards to all friends. P. L. Jenkins, principal trombonist, sends regards to R. O. Henderson, Chas. McKenzie and John Moore, and says hello, Will Means; how is the big burg? Johnnie Lee, the great tumbler, is scoring nightly singing "Mandy Lane." Robert Miller, mellophon and second violin, desires to hear from Johnnie Anderson.

LINCOLN THEATER, KNOXVILLE, TENN.

The Lincoln Stock Company continues to draw large crowds and Cal. F. Johnson, the proprietor, is to be congratulated on being so fortunate as to be surrounded by such a bevy of talent. The whole secret of the success lies in the masterly pen of Salem Tutt Whitney, who always has something superior to offer to the public each week, and last but not least the management of the house is well taken care of in the personage of William A. Baynard, a gentleman, scholar and great musician.

The musical war drama presented last week would do honor to any audience. The refined military bearing of Homer Tutt as 'Captain Kidd," has caused a great deal of comment. Sam Gardner as the "Major" was more than up to the standard. Miss Mabel Brown's portrayal of "Laughing Water," the Indian girl, was nothing short of real acting. Mr. Simms made an extremely good Indian character in the role of "Rain in the Face." Link Sliger as the "Cowboy" was fine and he is improving wonderfully. Miss Nettie Taylor is without doubt a typical actress and always lends charm to her work whenever she graces the stage. Albert Smith, the genial treasurer of the house, is still the popular fashion plate. It is to be hoped that Mr. Johnson will soon awaken to the idea that the patrons will be looking forward to his new theatre in the near future.

EDWARDS & WEBB'S COLORED MUSICAL COMEDY CO.

The Edwards & Webb musical comedy made so big a hit at Rensslear that Mayor Ellis, manager of the Ellis Theatre, had the company for a return date. We will make a call on Chicago friends Friday, Feb. 8. Regards to Prof. A. M. Damon. Jeff Webb ("Airship") is singing "You're in the Right Church But in the Wrong Pew." Mr. Edwards is a mirth creator in his monologue and his scoring a big hit with "Somebody Lied." Miss Florence Watts is singing "Kiss Me Right." Miss Mattie Glover renders "Outside the Heavenly Gates" and "Nina's Council." Miss Minnie Wilbur sings "When a Fellow's on the Level with a Girl That's on the Square." Sam Key in "The Battle of Gettysburg" scores a big hit. Miss Lena Brown is singing "Mandy Lane.

WILLIAMS AND WALKER.

Five thousand dollars for one night's performance! This is the amount that was paid to close the Great Northern Theatre, Chicago. Something never heard of before in the history of the Chicago theatrical world. Information on the matter has been kept quiet. It only leaked out on Monday night. It seems that the affair was arranged early in January to have the stars and their company one night in the last week of their engagement. To do this the house had to be bought out. And the trouble did not end at this junction, and the matter was forwarded to New York to be settled. After a long drawn out wrangle it was finally agreed upon to allow the company to appear before the most select audience of Chicago, which consisted of fifty persons. The whole thing sounds like a fairy tale, but still it is true. Such things have happened in Paris when Count de Castellaine was spending the Gould millions.

Mrs. Jack Gardner of Boston has arranged some big stunts. The Vanderbilts have given Williams and Walker $1,000 for themselves for one night's entertainment on the lawn at Newport, R. I. It has been said through the press in New York that different opera stars got so much and so much for one night's entertainment; but this is the first time in the history of the American theatrical world that a house has been bought out and closed. This seems to be a Chicago society fad. The Pekin stood alone. The North Side "Four Hundred" bought it out to see "The Mayor of Dixie," but not at such a big figure as the above. The funny thing about the whole matter is that on both occasions that these sensational stunts have been pulled off in Chicago, the Negro actor has been on the funny end of it. Williams and Walker are to receive $1,000 bonus extra.

STAGE NOTES.

By the Critic.

Madam Anna Cook (the black Nordica) and the superior of all comedy singers of her race, must now wear her laurels with modesty and fight her way through with courageous endeavor. She must become reconciled to the fact that great singers are the most envied performers in the world.

My what a time they are having over Cleo Desmond and Rachel Bailey! They have joined hands and they must pass for white hey? The best thing they can do is to pattern after Billy Windom. Say nothing at all and let everybody else do the talking.

At a special matinee given at the Pekin Theatre, Chicago, Jan. 21, in honor of "Bandana Land," the following artists appeared: Buddy Gilmore & Co.; Billy Earthquake, a very promising young comedian; Perrin & Crosby; Columbian Quartet; Wise & Milton; George Harris; W. A. Thomas & Co.; Ed. Tolliver; the Jalrans; Saparo & Bonny; Whangdoodle Comedy Four; Robinson & (Billy) McCarver; Five Musical Spillers; Minstrel Morris, and the Williams & Walker Glee Club.

The new Lincoln Theatre at Knoxville, Tenn., bids fair to eclipse the Pekin at Chicago if a strong stock company is not soon installed by Manager Robert Motts. The new Lincoln is owned by Cal Johnson, who is said to be wealthy and a man of very good quality. He recently donated $10,000 to the colored Y. M. C. A. of Knoxville and has just received a photograph of President Roosevelt sent by the President himself. Mr. Johnson is now busy completing plans to erect a $35,000 theatre in order to book and play all the first-class colored shows in the country.

WILLIAMS AND WALKER AT THE PARK THEATER.

Williams and Walker, those charcoal joy merchants, claim that when they open at the Park Theatre Monday, Feb. 8, for three days in their greatest effort, entitled "Bandana Land," it will be seen at once that they have the most original and novel musical show that they have ever headed.

The "rough black diamond," whose misfortunes and mishaps as portrayed by Bert Williams, whose stage troubles has caused more laughs than all other comedians put together, in his character of "Skunkton Bowser," the missing heir, furnishes the base for most of the comedy. His partner, George Walker, the "polished black diamond"—crisp and elegant, in his character of "Bud Jenkins," Skunkton's guardan, fills in everything that is needed to make their performance one of the best of their careers. They are the direct opposite in personalities and talents, and in "Bandana Land" they represent the two types that predominate in the colored race.

"Bandana Land" represents the highest type of Negro achievement on our stage today and is entirely the work of clever people of the Afro-American race. Will Marion Cook, the composer, promises to be to Negro music what the late Paul Laurence Dunbar was to our poets. His score is quaintly melodious and typical of the race he represents. The book is built around the personalities of Williams and Walker, and yet it hits off the oddities of their race, and its character drawings are humorous and real.

Those who are fond of catchy music and songs well sung, or who would undergo a hearty spontaneous laughing fit, should avail themselves of this opportunity of seeing Williams and Walker in "Bandana Land," which pleased and entertained the most critical of theatre-goers in New York City for over five months.

NEW ACTS OF THE WEEK.

By J. D. Howard.

Grand—

The Mitchells, a man and two women, billed as "The Three Dancing Mitchells," opened at the Grand Monday afternoon. They were second on the bill and work in "one." They afforded the audience a high-class fifteen minutes of fun. Mr. Mitchell is a corking good dancer, somewhat of the grotesque variety, and "kicks 'em" hard with his caricature on the Gans and Nelson fight. He can sing. Mrs. Mitchell is a soubrette of taste, ability and good looks, and above all knows how to put her clothes on and wear them after she has them on. The other feminine in the act appears to be a girl scarcely more than 14 years old. I failed to discover the necessity of this young miss as an integral part of the act. Her one song was plunged into cold storage by the audience—not a wrinkle did the house offer at the conclusion of her rather strained and amateurish effort. It would seem that the Mitchells are carrying "excess baggage." "Mandy Lane" and "Take Your Time" went big. The act was clean and well dressed.

MEMPHIS STROLL.

By James E. Simpson.

All of the shows did good business last week up until Friday night, when a bad windstorm struck us that morning. All of the shows giving two performances to pretty fair houses, except the Gem, which only had two people in the audience; they gave a show to them and then had to close down. The Royal and the Amuse U theatres are certainly making it hard for the Gem to keep up to the standard. Look out, Gem; you must come up to the notch.

The Lyric, one of the theatres on the Stroll, had to close down last week on account of the manager not being able to pay his employes and performers.

The Royal Theatre put on first-class vaudeville last week with Misses Ada Harris, Blanche Arlington and Ida Gardner singing all of the latest songs and each one taking two or three encores.

Bon Bon Buddy is back with us again after three weeks of sickness, doing his old monologue and singing "The Grasshopper on the Sweet Potato Vine." Jas. Edw. Simpson put on his original singing and dancing scare crow act and took several encores. R. R. Mathews Jr. did his acrobatic and contortion act, winning applause at the end of his act repeatedly. Miss Alice McQuiller, our musical director, has been suffering from a bad cold, but is able to play the shows through. Reid, the man with the drums, is still with us proud over his new drums and getting along nicely. They are closing the show the first part of the week with an afterpiece by R. R. Mathews Jr., entitled "The Car Barn Bandits," and the latter part of the week closing the vaudeville with a comedy farce in one act and one scene by Bon Bon Buddy, entitled "Uncle's Return from the Philippines."

Amuse U is putting on a first-class vaudeville show, introducing Centers and Centers, Jennings and wife, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Eugene Clark, and Eugene Clark with his old man impersonations, closing the bill with an afterpiece by Eugene Clark, entitled "Fun in a Chinese Laundry," which is sending the people away screaming. H. Kidd Love is musical director of the Amuse U orchestra, but I am sorry to say that he has poor support in depending on his trap drummer, who is a would-be drummer. Mr. Director, there are several good trap drummers in town. Why don't you give them a chance? Take my advice and you will not have to work so hard.

The Gem put on a first-class vaudeville show and afterpiece by Willie Perry, also putting on an added attraction, introducing Wamego, a Hindoo magician and strong man, who is pretty fair.

Tick's played to good business last week, introducing Russell & Fowler in their eccentric dancing, also Miss Trixie, the Southern soubrette, singing any old-time rag and taking several encores; also Mrs. Jno. Goodloe singing "Don't Go Away," and leaving the stage with the house screaming, closing with an afterpiece by John Goodloe and entire company, entitled "Who's Dat," in one act and two scenes.

The Desota Quartet made a decided hit at the Hatton Avenue Social Club last week, taking several encores, singing a song dedicated to them, entitled "Wait Till We Buy; When? Never." Words and music by Jas. E. Simpson. The quartet is composed of the following: First tenor, Will Jones; second tenor, Henry Dixon; baritone, Duke Wade; bass, Geo. Fitzhugh.

SCORE GREAT HIT IN SCOTLAND.

Rolfe's "Ten Dark Knights" Score Big Success.

GLASGOW, Scotland, Jan. 20.—"One of the most entertaining and best all-round acts that ever visited the city," says a local paper, "is the one provided for the patrons of the Renfield Street House this week. Premier place is given B. A. Rolfe in his presentation of the "Ten Dark Knights," colored musicians, singers and dancers of a very high order, which is a smart and unique performnace that won very much favor.

The "Ten Dark Knights" are on their seventh week tour through Scotland and are booked up until May. Every member is doing well both in health and work, and the act seems to be a decided success everywhere. Messrs. Bosan and Granger are both from Indianapolis, where they have many friends in baseball circles.

SAM S. AND LEE SHUBERT TO DOWN KLAW & ERLANGER

New York's Latest Managerial Sensation.

By Sylvester Russell.

The advent of Sam S. & Lee Shubert's incorporated combine and their appearance on the frontier of the theatrical horizon, their thrift, and the pre-eminence of their quality and worth as a young modern enterprising firm of managers has just awakened a new sanguine interest among the first-class players and managers all over the circuits and throughout the field of the most important parts of the country. Klaw & Erlanger, who have had the field lo too long, are beginning to see in the cloudy weather of night that the moon is not shining; the weather is not at all clear; their obsolete methods have been declared to be at variance with the syndicate and the brighter prospects of the future now lies only in the hands of Sam S. and Lee Shubert. The Shuberts are about to withdraw from the Klaw & Erlanger combination, they have a strong following and with them it is expected that James A. Brady, Liebler & Co., and other factions of the combination will also leave and join the Shuberts the minute they withdraw.

The Klaw & Erlanger combine has been recently accredited with many failures; many of their own secured plays were failures, or else so smutty as to be unfit for use in first-class theatres, while the plays secured by the Shuberts were all of a clean character and a practical success. And even when the Klaw & Erlanger plays were failures they were revised and stubbornly kept on the boards to no financial avail.

David Belasco, the eminent playwright and producer, has always scorned the old combine and Belasco is a genius of power whose future is unforetelling, and it may be that in the event of the linking of managers of a higher character that Mr. Belasco may be induced to enter in.

The mistakes of Klaw & Erlanger have always been very easy for any brainy man to discern; it has been their money power and not their individual ability that has enabled them to hold the reins so long. One of the weakest moves they ever undertook was to form a chain of vaudeville theatres, only to be downed by Kohl and Castle and the Keith mergers. They were ridiculed by the press, and that is not all. The Shuberts jumped in and bought up the Klaw & Erlanger vaudeville theatres as fast as failures haunted them. With these and other reported failures Klaw & Erlanger's backers, which represents upwards of $35,000,000, are said to be gradually filing out of the ring as fast as a half-game bird that cannot stand the gashes of sharp steel spur.

Klaw & Erlanger have long been the opposers of colored organizations, one of the firm being a Southerner, which counts as the main secret for the appearance of "The Clansman" in New York a few years ago, numbered with the insults of others of their productions, which caused people to walk out throughout their large chain of first-class theatres. The greatest surprise that Klaw & Erlanger ever gave the colored race was when they engaged Cole & Johnson to supply music for a big production of "Humpty Dumpty." The Cole & Johnson lyrics and music supplied for that occasion were certainly great, and the splendid rendering of the music by Maud Lillian Berri served as a means of saving the piece from a classical failure. But Klaw & Erlanger's present refusal to play Williams & Walker, who are under the Shubert management, in their first-class theatres, is no bad omen. There is plenty of time. Let Williams & Walker wait. George Walker must not again attempt to foster the issue nor assume that he has won the future victory which his new managers will later assure him, but he must let them, alone, have the credit. The contention of the Shuberts for the placing of Williams & Walker was only a part of the fight in war with Klaw & Erlanger leading toward their dethronement. It will be time enough for Williams & Walker to play all first-class theatres after the Shuberts win the fight, and it will then be one or perhaps two seasons before either Williams & Walker, Cole & Johnson, or, perhaps, Ernest Hogan, will be ready.

The seating of colored people in first-class theatres north of the Mason and Dixon line will not be such a serious problem after all. The Shuberts will be able to find data herein of its solution. Prejudice of color does not come from the finest quality of white people of either the rich or poor, and those of the common class who kick need not be noticed, for after all the policies of any theatre are, or should be, controlled by the executive management. There should be no objection to selling seats to colored people to any part of the house they may desire.

If in the event of a general majority revolt among the whites, which is not likely, then seats in the orchestra should be sold in the second row and alternately of three or four rows behind, straight across; and seats should be sold in the center first, to first comers. If colored people would seek to sit together by buying seats in the first balcony, which is decidedly the best view of any stage, it would be much better at the present time for a race whose majority is finally limited. I am speaking from a first-class theatre standpoint, where everybody is cultured and refined and know enough to be quiet and to laugh easy and where people dress well and smell sweet.

There are two ways for the Shuberts to test this problem, and I suggest that if they ever come into full control that they will test it as follows: Hire twelve respectable, well-dressed, educated, cultivated colored people and place them in all parts of the lower house individually distributed and then collectively seated in clusters of six or twelve for a week and observe the results. If the trial is not favorable in certain communities, the second best way to od would be to have the pastors of the different churches to request the colored people to seek to sit together in the first balcony. Colored people must remember that it is only when the big colored shows come to town that the great rush of colored people throngs to the first-class theatres and are often rude in the attempt to get a good seat. Now in this particular the white people as a public majority who support these theatres all the time should be cordially regarded; that is to say, providing the managers Shubert will forcibly provide all the theatres with servants who have brains and culture, who are free from race prejudice and who are not above their jobs.

In the meantime let all the American amusement profession tear down the old walls of Klaw & Erlangerism, dig new ground, dig deep and build up from a new and safer Shubert foundation, that we may all have a fresh grand rally of Sam and Lee Shubertism for a little while anyhow on trial, and in the meanwhile we thank them very much for their resistance of old-time fol de rol and fiddlesticks and wish them much success. We are all seeking refuge in the Shuberts, for we believe that under their control and direction there will some day be a land of pure delight in all first-class theatres.

ROUTE.

McCABE'S MINSTRELS—Arlington, Wis. Feb. 9, 10; Rio, 11, 12; Wyocena, 13, 14, 15.

BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS — Abeline, Tex., Feb. 8; Stamford, 9; Haskell, 10; Seymour, 11; Wichita Falls, 12; Quanah, 13.

THE BRUCES—Bijou Theatre, Kankakee, Ill., week of Feb. 15.

WILLIAMS & WALKER — Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 8, 9, 10.

ROBERT C. WHITE, Director of Darktown Swells—Spaila, Ga., week of Feb. 8.

THE FREEMAN POSTOFFICE

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"Oh, You Devil."

GEO. W. WALKER.

THE INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION

IN HIGH FAVOR WITH THOSE WHO KNOW THINGS

VACATIONAL TRAINING THE NEWER IDEA

General Establishment of Suitable Schools—Opinion of Men of Eminence—Hampton Institute First Industrial School.

Industrial education continues in high favor; if anything, the interest is increasing. The interest, as great as it is, does not seem to outrun the necessity. Those versed in such matters, and who have the most to do with them, are setting forth the needs of extended work, of extending the work to the remotest parts of the country in order to make more efficient workmen of the American boys. Those of larger view, view industrialism and manual training, now taught in the schools, as of excellent disciplinary value and also of importance, that it fixes the notions of things, giving a general idea of thing. But they do not think the system or the work done answers sufficiently the demand. Vacational training is the newer idea, such as is carried out in the trades schools and schools of technology, which are few at this time as compared with the needs. The newer movement has in mind the general establishing of suitable schools where the missing link between the product of the schools in ordinary and the actual man of the shops will be supplied.

The January number of the Annals of the American Academy of Political Science was wholly given up to the discussion of trade teaching in public schools. One of the contributors, speaking in connection with the foregoing thought, says as follows:

"The manual training which is now offered in elementary schools is developmental and socializing. Its purpose is a general training, not a special one. Manual training as an element of the elementary curriculum has an important role to play, but this role is not vocational in character. As a subject, this training is one to be pursued through the entire elementary course. It looks to a general schooling of the pupil in intelligence and skill, and offers its advantages alike to pupils bright and dull. It may properly prepare for, further study of an industrial character, but it is not itself to be developed on vocational lines.

"Vocational work, on the other hand, should be special and intensive. It should give those pupils who have a general bent towards the arts much direct training in shop methods and shop standards. Vocational training should, therefore, follow the general manual training of the elementary schools. It should rise out of such training, and look not to general but to special development of the pupil's ability and skill. Manual training is part of a general educational system to be pursued in the early years by all; vocational training is part of a system of industrial education to be pursued by those desirous of entering the trades. The aim of the latter should be to give the pupil insight that will later enable him to make an intelligent choice of some specific vocation."

The articles contributed to the publication were by men of eminence along the line of industrial work. Among them are James Parton Haney, director of art and manual training in the public schools of New York, who is quoted in the above expressions; Carroll D. Wright, L.L. D., president Clark College, Worcester, Mass.; Booker T. Washington, of Tuskegee. The others are scarcely less distinguished, occupying high places in the educational world and representing various parts of the country. The subjects are varied and interesting and, moreover, valuable, owing to the expert thought. Various schools of the best sort are set forth at length—their aim, desire, system—thus making the whole a most excellent symposium. Among the subjects discussed are the Berean School of Philadelphia and the industrial efficiency of the Negro and the Manila Trade School, by Rev. Matthew Anderson, D.D., principal, and J. J. Eaton, former superintendent of Philippine School of Arts, director Ludlow Textile School, Ludlow, Mass., respectively.

Booker T. Washington opened with "Relation of Industrial Education to National Progress." Mr. Washington started out with the interesting thought that directly and indirectly the Negro has had an important part in the industrial education of this country, not only in defining its aims and shaping its methods, but in advertising its importance to the world. His following fast is scarcely less interesting. He said: "The first industrial school of any importance in the United States was Hampton Institute, a school founded for Negroes at Hampton, Va." This was in 1868. He also set forth the interesting fact that Harriet Beecher Stowe drew up a plan for "an industrial college in which shall be taught several important branches of the mechanical arts" in 1853. In referring to the matter, Mr. Douglass said:

"The fact is, that the colored men must learn trades; must find new employments, new modes of usefulness to society, or they must decay under the pressing wants to which their condition is rapidly bringing them. * * * We must become mechanics; we must build as well as live in houses; we must make as well as use furniture; we must construct bridges as well as pass over them, before we can properly live or be respected by our fellowmen. We need mechanics as well as ministers. We need workers in iron, clay and leather. We have orators, autors and other professional men, but these reach only a certain class and get respect for our race in certain select circles. To live here as we ought, we must fasten ourselves to our countrymen through their everyday cardinal wants."

Mr. Washington points out the fact that even before the war the importance of knowledge in the mechanical arts was considered in relation to Negroes. In speaking of Hampton and other schools that immediately followed the war, Mr. Washington said that the object was as much to prove that the race could do the greater things in an educational way as it was for other objects, leading up the thought that the schools in the first instance were not as wisely conceived as they might have been. The same has been said by thoughtful Negroes time and time again. The inference, by what was said by Mr. Washington, by others is that the condition should have suggested the kind of education, and which should have also been influenced by environment and contact. The "environment and contact" had pre-empted the situation, so to speak, by priority of appearance and which was reinforced by fitness—through training or experience. The Negroes had neither, and one or the other had to be before there could be a plausible consideration. Mr. Washington expresses it as follows:

"From the very start, Hampton Institute has been, in many vital respects, different in its aims as well as in its methods from the other schools for the Freedman then established. I think it is fair to say, for instance, that the first schools and colleges for Negroes were all of them more or less dominated by the notion that they were to continue and finish the work that had been incidentally begun by the Civil War. They felt it was their mission to free the slaves. The war had brought these slaves physical freedom; the schools were to give them moral and intellectual freedom. Calhoun had said that if the time ever came when a Negro could master the intricacies of the Greek language he would admit that he had been wrong in his notions about slavery. The schools established directly after the war were eager, apparently, to take up that challenge. They wanted to prove the capacity of the Negro to study and learn everything that the white man had studied and learned."

The Negroes were not wholly to blame for the situation. It happened that their aspirations and ambition accorded with the notions of the well-meaning white men and women who spent their money and gave their time to the consummation of their object. The white people knew but little of the industrial work. Really, it has been only within recent years that any kind of general advanced educational thought was "extant" in the country beyond the few greater educational centers. Men and women were educated, highly educated, but systems, "styles" and, as some have, "fads," were the unknown. So it is no wonder that they shuold begin with the Freedmen as they had begun, and without reference to industrial, social, civil or political condition. But Mr. Washington says the thing most excellently:

"Let me illustrate a little farther some of the ways in which some of the schools and colleges founded directly after the war failed to prepare their students for the actual life that was before them. It was the idea of the men who founded the Negro colleges directly after the war that it was necessary and important to educate men and women to be the leaders and teachers of their race. No doubt it was important that the men and women who were to be the leaders of the race should have the very highest and best education that it was possible to give them, but there were a great many things, as we can see now, that they might have and should have learned that would have been more valuable than the little smattering of Green and Latin that they obtained.

"For instance, the men who became the political leaders of the race during the reconstruction period needed to know less the languages than they did the political history of Greece, of Rome, and of Europe. In all of these countries there had been slavery, and every state of Europe had, at some time in its history, been compelled to face the social, the political and the economical problems that grew out of the transition of its laboring class from a condition of slavery, in some form or other, to a condition of freedom. But the Freedmen in the Negro colleges had no opportunity to study these things. They learned the outward form of the Greek and Latin language, but they learned very little of the history that was behind the language and behind the literature which they studied.

"The young colored men who entered the colleges right after the war were not prepared to learn these things, even if the colleges had been prepared to teach them. They were not prepared because they knew at that time almost nothing about their own life; almost nothing about the problems which beset them on every hand. Not knowing these things, they were not prepared to interpret the history and understand the significance of what they learned regarding other peoples who had passed through similar periods of transition."

The foregoing is the logic of the situation, the philosophy, and which is best to be understood. What Mr. Washington has given is no less than a portion of the history of education as it pertains to the Negro race in particular and to the country in general. At some day in the distance the duty of making a general educattional survey will fall the task of some one. The part played by Mr. Washington and those engaged similarly will be an important phase of the work, and because these men fairly announced the new epoch.

The distinguished consideration shown Mr. Washington by the great educators is assuring to those that doubt the efficacy of merit. He is an educational luminary, illuminating his segment fully and with luster to "let." When the names of Pestalozzi, Froebel and the rest of them who brought on educational reformation are transcribed in history that of Booker T. Washington will be with them. The world of thought owes something to him also.

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Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. W. M. M. S. McCutcheon of Ann Arbor, Mich., and wife, who have been in our city for the last two weeks, left for Battle Creek en route to Chicago and Kansas City, Mo., from there back to Ann Arbor, where he has planed to build a new chapel with gymnasuem, reading room and library for young men and women, and kindergarten for small children. He has pro promise and assurance of several business and professions....The social given by the officers in the church parlors last Tuesday evening was a grand success. $100.15 was realized and wish to thank both old and young people for their most liberal assistance.

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Special to THE FREEMAN.

Dr. Adair is causing many of our young people to get off the streets on Sunday mornings and into the Sunday schools... Mark Adams, one of our leading farmers, was in from Crooked Creek last Saturday and attending the business session of the farmers' union...Miss Chas. Higgins has recently returned from attending the Baptist College at Little Rock...Death came almost instantly and ended the further suffering of John P. Gause on last Friday night. He was in the hospital at Little Rock, having undergone a surgical operation six weeks ago. He was reported as doing nicely almost to the very hour of his death. Mr. Gause is a native of Tennessee, near the town of Henning in Lauderdale county, from whence he came to this State not quite one year ago. He has one brother living here, Sam S. Gause, and another, Lewis Gause, at Deckerville, Ark...M. T. Toms is enlarging his farm by cleaning up several acres of new lands...There is no race question in our State between the sensible business class of whites and business class of Negroes, but each race is striving to make greater the name and value of the State. ...Taxation without representation is wrong, and a wrong is dangerous.

LINCOLN INSTITUTE NOTES.

The following letter speaks for itself:

City of Jefferson,
Jan. 18, 1909.

Dr. B. F. Allen,
President Lincoln Institute,
City.

MY DEAR MR. ALLEN—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of two gavels you presented to the Speaker through the kindness of Senator Siebert. I thank you very much for them and shall cherish them not only as a token of our friendship, but when calling the House to order I shall regard them as an evidence of the respect for order and authority that you are teaching in your great school.

Again thanking you for your kindness and wishing you much prosperity in your management of the school, I have the honor to remain,

Yours very truly,
A. H. SPEER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The citizens of St. Louis, headed by Dr. Stevens, have invited Dr. Allen to be the speaker of the evening on Lincoln Memorial Day, Feb. 12. He has also received from Dr. Washington an invitation to attend the Tuskegee Conference and will attend if circumstances permit.

The faculty and students of Lincoln Institute last year responded liberally to Dr. Washington's appeal for funds for the Douglass Home, and have done the same thing this year.

Things will come your way if you become an agent of The Freeman.

MUCH PLEASED WITH THE FREEMAN.

U. S. S. Minnesota, Manila, P. I.
Editor of THE FREEMAN.

Sir—Kindly accept my thanks for the regularity in which I have received my paper from time to time. I has arrived in each mail from the United States. It has done much toward encouragement. I am very much pleased with THE FREEMAN; it is a clean-cut, intellectual paper, and it will pay any young man to read and study the teachings of this wonderful paper. If it were possible, I would see to it that this paper reached the home of every Negro family in this country. If the young men of the Negro race would take more interest in the journals that are being published by our people there would not be time for so much nonsense that is threatening the intellectual life of the race.

There is a tendency of idleness existing among a certain class of our people that must be abolished. We cannot hope to reach success in life and of life by cultivating idleness. We will have to work, so that future ages might realize to what height the genius of their forefathers attained. There is only one thing sure: The young man must acquire "the power of concentration and the habit of decisiveness, which are two elements devoid of which life's task cannot be successfully accomplished."

He who comes to the conclusion that it is useless to try to become anything in this life should take time and study the lives of the great men of the world. I am sure it would do much toward lifting the veil of discouragement. Any man with a pure purpose and a conscientious mind is bound to succeed regardless of the stumbling blocks he has to come in contact with from time to time. The young man of tomorrow must take the place of the old man of today, and he must be prepared to do more, and maintain and honor that which has been trusted to his care. Each individual must feel that he or she has something to accomplish. A man who feels deeply the great responsibility of life is one that will certainly add a star to the race.

I trust this will be read in every home of the race. There are thousands of our young people roaming the streets daily who I am sure would be in school providing they had the opportunity. The school doors are standing wide open and yet this class of children cannot go. There is a way, and I want to say that if every Negro in this country would donate five cents for the education of these motherless and fatherless children, I am sure there would not be so much talk of a race problem. Think of it, those dear little babies who are starving for intellectuality and no one to lend a helping hand! It is true that there are thousands of dollars donated annually for this purpose, but it never reaches this class to whom I refer. All who feel deeply the responsibilities to which I am referring will please reply and with your reply send 5 cents to the President of Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio. I am writing him today on the subject. I do believe that there should be an income of say 25 cents for this purpose. How many children could we pick up off the streets and place in the different schools of this country annually? This fund is to be known as the Young Amerigan Negroes' Educational Fund.

Thanking all for due consideration of this project, I am,

Yours respectfully,
T. D. HOLMES,
U. S. S. Minnesota.
Care of Postmaster, New York City.

EDUCATIONAL ETCHINGS.

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Rev. W. D. Chappelle is now president of Allen University at Columbia, S. C.

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Latin and algebra have been eliminated from the colored schools of Norfolk, Va.

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Dr. J. H. N. Waring has resigned the principalship of the High and Training School at Baltimore.

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For the fifth time in the history of the school, Howard University celebrated Emancipation Day January 1.

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Bishop Henry M. Turner, retired, is described as the "connectional historiographer" of the A. M. E. Church.

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The Clarke Training School for Girls at Washington, D. C., has been incorporated, with Mrs. L. R. Clarke as superintendent and Miss Blanche Gibson as secretary of the laundry department. Among the incorporators and board of directors are Messrs. John C. Dancy, John A. Lankford, Thomas L. Jones, R. W. Thompson, L. R. Clarke, Rev. James Queen, H. P. Slaughter, Walter R. Griffin, J. E. Johnson and Rev. M. W. Clair.

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Prof. Kelly Miller, dean of the Academy of Arts and Sciences at Howard University, Washington, D. C., has issued a new book called "Race Adjustment."

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Tuskegee Institute, Wilberforce University and Howard University will fittingly observe the centennial birthday anniversary of Abraham Lincoln February 12.

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The boys' reformatory in Hanover county, Virginia, founded by the late John H. Smythe, former Minister to Liberia, is to be carried on under a new management. Mr. Smythe died about a month ago.

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Dr. W. S. Scarborough, president of Wilberforce University, will publish this winter a book entitled "The Moral of Race Conflict." Doubleday, Page & Co., New York, will probably be the publishers.

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The late Daniel A. Payne was the first president of a university controlled by colored people on the American continent. He laid the foundation of Wilberforce broad and deep, as subsequent history showed.

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Rev. J. T. Jenifer was the first postmaster at Wilberforce. He was appointed in 1866, during the administration of President Andrew Johnson. W. S. Scarborough served as postmaster at the college from 1879 to 1880.

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John A. Brown, of Wilmington, Del., is the very efficient headwaiter of the dining-room at Wilberforce University. His Christmas and New Year's "spreads" are said by the faculty and students to have rivaled anything ever set before the guests of the Waldorf-Astoria in New York.

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W. W. Osborne, class of '07, Wilberforce University, is instructor of printing and teacher of literature and history in Morris Brown College at Atlanta, Ga., and Foster O. Winslow, class of '06, is stenographer and bookkeeper of the Voorhees Industrial School at Denmark, S. C.

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S. E. Shirley of Nashville, Tenn., a competent man, has been placed in charge of the printing department at Tuskegee Institute. The institute printing office is the best equipped establishment of the kind conducted by colored people in the South, and its output is large and of a first-class character.

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Dr. A. F. Owens, dean of the Phelps Hall Bible Training School, Tuskegee Institute, and Miss Sallie Mae Pruitt, daughter of Col. Walker Pruitt, were married at the residence of the bride, Leighton, Ala., Wednesday, December 30. Dr. Owens and his bride left immediately for Tuskegee Institute. Miss Pruitt attended the A. and M. College at Normal, Ala., and was also a student of Fisk University.

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A. O. Stafford, principal of the Abraham Lincoln School at Washington, has written an instructive treatise on "Some Fables of Animal Life," suitable for nature study by children. The work has been highly praised by educational authorities. An author's copy presented by Mr. Stafford to Miss Ethel Roosevelt brought a graceful note from the President's charming daughter, extolling the book as a valuable addition to her library.

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New quarters have been given the Dental College at Howard University, and Dr. C. Sumner Wormley, the capable demonstrator, is supremely happy. The floor space has been increased several times over that of the former rooms and a large number of new chairs and engines have been added to the equipment. The laboratories and work shop are given an entire floor. The classes are larger this year than ever before.

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Rev. Richard Carroll of Columbia, S.C., visited Tuskegee Institute last week for the purpose of urging upon Principal Washington the importance of a visit to South Carolina similar to the recent visit through Mississippi. Principal Washington has practically decided to accept the invitation and all of the arrangements for the trip through South Carolina have been placed in the hands of Mr. Carroll and W. T. Andrews of Sumter, S. C.

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A strong effort is being made by President W. P. Thirkield of Howard University to raise the $50,000 for the maintenance of the proposed library building, for which $50,000 has been subscribed by Andrew Carnegie on condition that a like amount be provided to keep it going in proper fashion. Howard University has turned out thousands of bright young men and women and they are doing a great work for the race everywhere. An appeal is being made to them to come to the relief of their alma mater.

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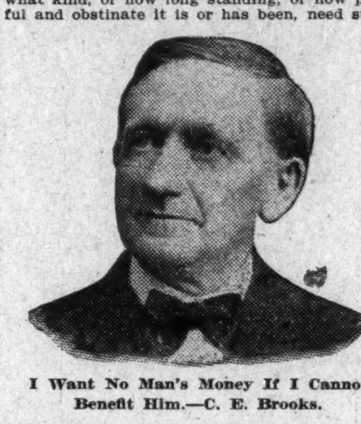

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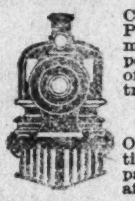

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SPORTING GOSSIP of the WEEK.

SCRAPS FROM THE SPORTING WORLD.

By Harry W. Jackson.

And the fighters are talking trusts.

Owen Moran was favorite in a bout with Tommy Murphy.

Purses for the Johnson-Jeffries fight continue to grow.

The Milwaukee team is getting in some new ones for the infield.

The A. B. C. baseball team will meet strong nines next season.

Tommy Lee withdrew from the boxing card held here Wednesday.

Indianapolis expects another pennant-winning team for next season.

Being sick would be no excuse for "Artha." He must fight anyhow.

We are still waiting to see the Independent basketball team in action.

Indianapolis wrestling enthusiasts expect Youseff Mahmout to wrestle here.

The Shrubb-Longboat run which was to have come off last night has been postponed.

New York has a team and more of pitchers alone. The number at present is fourteen.

Joe Jeannette and Sam McVey are matched for a bout to take place on the 20th in Paris.

Nelson denies the charge that he does not want to fight. He says he's "spoiling" for a fight.

Indianapolis is anxious to see a Marathon race. One will probably take place here this summer.

Joe Jeannette has already scored a victory in Paris, France, by defeating Ben Taylor of England.

Victor Willis, pitcher on the Pittsburg team, says he will not don the "Smoky City" uniform next season.

The Smith-Hirst bout at Philadelphia would make a fellow ask for his money back—"too slow to do good."

Robert Edgren must want to become conspicuous by his attempt to be different from other Johnson-Jeffries dopesters.

Othello Broyles is claiming the lightweight wrestling championship title of the postoffice. "Thel" uses the gloves, too.

Suppose the Pennsylvania Legislature says boxing is "in the right church but the wrong pew," what would "Philly" do?

Jim Driscoll gave Johnny Marto of New York all he wanted and more too in ten rounds before the Fairmount Athletic Club.

Ernest Siegfried pinned three men to the mat in 12 minutes and 40 seconds at Madison Square Garden, New York, in his attempt to show championship class.

The Flanner Guild expects to have a fast baseball team this year. The Guild teams heretofore have been a stepping-stone to stronger teams in and out of the city.

Ray Bronson, the Hoosier lightweight, knocked Julius Stein of Chicago cold in the third round of what was to have been a twenty-round fight at Atlanta, Ga., last week.

When the Chicago Unions and the A. B. C.'s get together it will be home boys against home boys, as the "Windy City" team will be practically made up of the localites.

John J. Brennan, the policeman jumper of Milwaukee, will make an attempt to break the world's record this month. Brennan is a good fence jumper; most all police are.

Dorando Pietri and brother will represent Italy in a six-day walking match at Madison Square Garden, which will take place in March. Dorando's hobby is the Marathon run.

Acting Mayor Touhey issued orders to Chief of Police McMahon that the lid is on in Little Rock, Ark. This prevented the Sullivan-Wolgast bout from coming off Wednesday.

Tony Ross, who recently gave Larry Temple one of the worst beatings that he ever received, is practically matched by the National Sporting Club of Pittsburg to meet Marvin Hart.

Congress proposes to make the salary of the President $100,000 a year. This is the same amount that the colored fight fans of Chicago have made up to back Jack Johnson. One must work a year for it; the other a few minutes. Which would you like to be?

The major league teams have a lot of minor league players, and the minor league a lot of major league players. Promotion to the major league from the Indianapolis team will give four or five of last year's players a chance to make good during the coming season.

Boxing has gone to the White House. President Roosevelt is taking boxing lessons from Billy Sixsmith. Sixsmith was formerly a prizefighter. Roosevelt is a great admirer of sports, the rougher they are the better he likes them. Wonder if Teddy is preparing to meet Jack Johnson too?

"The public schools in the city of New York shall have among their exercises scientific boxing studies for boys, so as to develop bodily strength." This is the entire text of a bill which Coroner Harburger says he will have introduced in the Legislature as a result of a suggestion from Dr. Philip E. O'Hanlon of New York, the coroner's physician. Post mortem examinations on bodies of small boys have impressed on Dr. O'Hanlon, he says, the great lack of chest development these lads must have had during life. As the best means of safely attaining lung development in the physically formative years, he urges the effectiveness of boxing, properly conducted. He believes that, rigidly taught in the public schools, boxing will do much to eliminate ruffianism and will develop manliness as well as enduring physique.

Johnson promised Sam Langford a chance in London on February 22, but owing to Johnson's tour of the principal cities of the "Big Island," he has declared that date off. He has again promised Langford to meet him on May 24. This date is about a month after the close of Johnson's tour. This is keeping it in the family—two Negroes to battle for the heavyweight supremacy. Never before in the history of the fistic sport have two Negroes had an opportunity to fight for the heavyweight championship title of the world, as it is the first time a Negro was ever champion of the heavyweight division.

Sam has a good chance to "dethrone" the black champion. But what do we care, as a race? We will be well represented regardless of who wins. Langford on paper, by using Joe Jeannette as an indication, looks to have the better chance for the heavyweight title. Johnson has fought seven battles with Jeannette, of which four were draws and one a decision in favor of the latter, one no decision, and one in which Johnson scored a defeat in fifteen rounds. Langford defeated Jeannette on two different occasions, and also won a decision over him in a six-round bout at Lawrence, Mass. These two have also fought two draws. Out of seven fights with Jeannette, Johnson defeated him but once; Langford out of five fights with Jeannette won three. While Jack has lost one to him, Langford has not lost any. Johnson got a decision over Langford in Boston April 26, 1906.

To take the fights of Johnson and Sam Langford with Jim Flynn for a comparison; we are more impressed with Langford than with Johnson. Both defeated Flynn; it took Jack eleven rounds to do it, while Sam did it in a jiffy—in less than one round.

"CRIMINAL" FOR JEFF TO MEET JACK JOHNSON.

So Thinks Jas. Corbett—Would Face the Champion Himself.

LINCOLN, Neb.—James J. Corbett, the former champion heavyweight, who is in Lincoln with his show, urges the American people and the promoters not to be too hasty in matching Jeffries with Jack Johnson. Corbett insists that he is the one man that should first fight the black man. He said:

"Jeffries was the most wonderful heavyweight pugilist that the world ever produced when he retired from the ring five years ago; but, mind you, that was five years ago. Jeffries has taken on a lot of fat during his five years of inactivity, and it would be criminal were he to get back into the ring with Johnson unless he is absolutely sure that he is in condition. I have seen Jeffries within the last few weeks, and it is my honest opinion that he should not think of facing Johnson in less than a year and a half or two years. There is too much at stake—a Negro has the championship and it must be won back by a white man, to whose race it belongs. Jeffries must be right in every sense of the word before he taken the chance, and he can not hope to be right until he undergoes a long course of training. The American public and the fight promoters are making a big mistake by endeavoring to force Jeff into a match."

COMMITTEE FAVORS REPEAL.

Makes Unanimous Report on Sunday Baseball Bill.

The House Committee on Cities and Towns has decided to make a unanimous report favoring the repeal of the Indiana law which prohibits the playing of baseball on Sunday for money. A hearing was had before the committee recently, and several hundred fans attended. The argument lasted an hour, and three advocates presented each side. One argument in favor of Sunday ball was made by a Seventh Day Adventist minister, the Rev. J. L. Miller of Seymour, Ind. Henry M. Dowling, head of the Presbyterian Brotherhood of Indianapolis, spoke against the Sunday game. A. A. Zion, superintendent of the Indianapolis Union Railway, was for the bill to repeal the baseball statute, Arthur Jordan of Indianapolis, who joined the forces in a former anti-Sunday baseball contest, was a speaker against what he called Sabbath desecration. Smith Mann, connected with the People's Outfitting Company, urged the repeal of the Sunday law, and the Rev. Joshua Stansfield of Indianapolis added his argument against Sunday ball.

The Rev. J. L. Miller, declaring that the existing law is a "religious act," urged its repeal and demanded liberty and justice for all alike. Mr. Dowling discussed the bill from the stand taken by the Supreme Court. He said a repeal would be a step backward. Mr. Mann, arguing for the Sunday game, declared his belief that baseball would take 20,000 men into the open air and away from saloon influences. Mr. Jordan, against the bill, argued against compelling men to work on Sundays to enable other men to enjoy sport. He declared he did not believe the saloons were patronized by 20,000 men on Sunday in Indianapolis. A. A. Zion spoke on behalf of "the thousands who come into Indianapolis on excursions on Sundays." He favored closely restricted Sunday games. The Rev. Stansfield said that if the saloon traffic on Sunday is heavy at present, as stated, the addition of thousands of people from other cities every Sunday would only make saloon traffic heavier.

MINISTERS AGAINST REPEAL.

The Baptist ministers of the city argued local option at their meeting and adopted resolutions against the repeal of the law against Sunday baseball. A resolution urging a constitutional amendment for State-wide prohibition was adopted.

The resolutions were offered as the report of a committee appointed at a previous meeting, of which the Rev. Cromwell P. Kirby of the South-street church was chairman. They were adopted after a motion to add a State-wide prohibition amendment was carried. The resolutions read:

"We, the Baptist ministers of Indianapolis, representing nearly 4,000 Christian people, do most earnestly petition the Indiana Legislature, now in session, that it maintain in its integrity our present law forbidding the playing of football, baseball and other games where any fee is charged on the first day of the week, called Sunday; and that it vote against the bill introduced by Mr. Thomas Broiley, and any and all other bills that may be introduced, looking to the repeal or amendment of Section 468 of the act of 1905 as it now stands.

"We believe that the Christian Sabbath is one of the bulwarks of our Government and civilization, and that any impairment of the day endangers the stability of our institutions. We deplore the present disregard of the day in so many quarters, and believe that additional safeguards should be enacted, rather than standing ones be destroyed. In view of the perils to which all we hold dear would be subject should the Broiley bill be passed, we pray that you vote against it, and so decidedly reject it that it will not again be broached."

HAS NOTHING TO FEAR FROM JACK JOHNSON

Jeffries Says He Fears No Man—Fight Fans Inconsistent—Says He Is Called a Coward.

By James J. Jeffries.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Who said that interest in the boxing game was on the wane? After my experience of the last week I am led to believe that the gloves are more popular with the public than ever before. It may, of course, be possible that the fact that Jack Johnson, a Negro, holds the heavyweight championship of the world is responsible for the Queensberry revival.

Be that as it may, I have heard more fight talk here in San Francisco during the last week than I have heard for the last six months. Everybody and his neighbor appears to believe that it is their honorable duty to ask me if I am going to fight again. I still am dishing out the same answer that I have been giving out for years. If I am to be put through this sort of cross-examination much longer, I will have a few thousand cards struck off with the single word "No" printed on them. This will save me a lot of talk.

The main thing that my friends will want to know is how I feel after my week's workout. I have had over fifty private telegrams grilling me in this connection.

W. W. Naughton and other experts have been kind enough to place themselves on record as saying that I have nothing to fear from Jack Johnson. That just about expresses my sentiments. I don't fear the Negro or any other being who walks on two feet.

My performances with Berger during the first week of my theatrical engagement has been most satisfactory to me.

Making an unbiased review of the week I feel justified in saying that my showing was all that could have been expected from the athletic path for over four years. I am fat, no mistake about that.

It will take many a long run on the road to get rid of this fat and to put my mind in anything like first-class condition. My general health is of the best, and if anybody thinks that I haven't got my punch left, let him come up and put the gloves on with me.

Followers of pugilism are an inconsistent lot. When I was in this city last summer to referee the Attell-Moran featherweight contest, everybody was criticising Tommy Burns because the Canuck would not fight Jack Johnson. "Why don't Burns give Johnson a chance?" they would howl. "Burns has been licking a lot of dubs, and is afraid to tackle a man who would have an honest chance with him."

Now these fellows are howling out of the other side of their houths, and they are howling longer and louder than ever. "This man Burns is a disgrace to the ring," they say. "He should never have crossed the color line. Had he refused to meet Johnson, the white people would never have been disgraced by having a Negro as the heavyweight champion."

I am wondering day by day what my fate would be were I to meet Jack Johnson and be defeated. The sporting world is crying at me now to go in and fight the Negro. In some instances the criticism hurled at me is not of the kindliest nature. I get letters calling me a coward and all that sort of rubbish. I pay no attention to them. I have Burns' example in front of me.

GANS-ERNE BOUT POSTPONED.

BALTIMORE, Md.—The proposed six-round bout between Joe Gans and Young Erne, scheduled to be decided before the Washington Sporting Club of Philadelphia on Feb. 10, has been called off, owing to the illness of Gans. It was at the request of the ex-champion that Billy McCartney, manager of the Quaker City club, agreed to postpone the mill for the present. Gans is now confined to his room at the Goldfield Hotel, and, according to his physicians, it will be two weeks before he will be able to talk fight again.

THE PAST WEEK IN "PHILLY."

Monday—Washington Sporting Club, Jimmie Gardner of Boston and Harry Mansfield of England. West End A. C., Charley Harvey of Chicago and Young McGovern of Philadelphia.

Tuesday—Douglas A. C., Young Fred Corbett of Philadelphia and Billy Herman of New York.

Wednesday—Nonpareil A. C., benefit of Tommy Love: Teddy Maloney and Young Marlowe.

Thursday—Broadway A. C., Peter Maher will meet Jack Williams of Philadelphia.

Friday—Nonpareil A. C., Willie Moody and Fighting Dick Nelson.

Saturday—Frankfort A. C., Kid Selo boxes two men three rounds each.

SUNDAY BASEBALL IN OHIO.

Sabbath Game May Become Campaign Issue in Ohio.

COLUMBUS, O.—Sunday baseball may become a campaign issue. Representative Randall H. Anderson, of Mahoning, considers it a question of such moment that it should be decided only by the sovereign people.

Anderson has introduced a bill providing that on the petition of 25 per cent of the qualified electors of any township, the trustees or other proper officers shall call a special election to determine whether playing baseball on Sunday shall be allowed.

NELSON FIGHTS IN SIXTY DAYS.

Battling Nelson, lightweight champion, has scattered to the winds the persistent rumors that he does not intend to fight again, that he is planning to hold his championship as long as he can and then let it go by default. Nelson writes that he is simply spoiling for a fight and that when he gets to the coast he will make arrangements with one of the big promoters out that way for a championship fight. The Dane says he expects such a battle to be staged within sixty days.

Just one thing, and that a very important one, is missing from Nelson's letter—and that is the name of the man he is going to give a chance at the lightweight crown. Unquestionably it is one of three men—Packey McFarland, Freddie Welsh or Johnny Thompson, with the first two men standing better chances than the Cyclone, because Nelson thinks either would draw a bigger house than the Sycamore fighter.

SIGNS ANOTHER CONTRACT.

$50,000 for a Twenty Weeks' Engagement Before the Footlights.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—James J. Jeffries has signed a contract to appear on the Eastern vaudeville stage for a period of twenty weeks at a salary of $2,500 a week, or $50,000 for the engagement. This means, of course, that the big "retired and undefeated champion of the world," whatever his intentions may be in regard to an ultimate meeting with Jack Johnson, will have another six months at least to think it over.

The contract with Jeffries was obtained by William Morris of New York, head of the big independent vaudeville circuit that has been causing so much trouble for the so-called vaudeville trust. Morris slipped quietly out of New York, just as quietly into San Francisco, and had his contract all but signed before many were aware of his presence in the city.

Jeffries is slated to go directly to New York with Morris about March 8. Starting in New York, he will take two theatres in that city, Boston, Brooklyn, Chicago and other large cities.

A FORTUNE FOR FIGHT.

Offers $110,000 for a Jack Johnson-James Jeffries Fight.

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—The almost unhead of offer of $110,000 has been made for a Jim Jeffries-Jack Johnson heavyweight fight for the world's championship title. This stupendous sum is named by C. D. Hilman, the Seattle millionaire, who is at present a winter resident of Pasadena.

The following telegram was sent to Jeffries last night:

"James J. Jeffries, Wigwam Theatre, San Francisco:

"If you will give me an immediate answer, I will increase purse to $110,000, to be divided 70 and 30, for a finish fight with two-ounce gloves. Referee to be agreed upon by yourself, Johnson and me. I will also wager $25,000 on you as a side bet.
C. D. HILLMAN."

Mr. Hillman, who is reputed to have "nothing but," thinks no more of making the above offer than the ordinary man would of purchasing a couple of theatre tickets. He is prepared to go to San Francisco and show Jeffries the color of his money if the retired champion will offer him any encouragement.

SHIP AHOY! SHIP AHOY!

Wireless telegraphy saved the lives of 700 people Saturday. The big liner White Supremacy is gradually sinking now, vainly wiring for help, but there is not a ship in sight to go to the rescue. The Texas torpedo boat Johnson rammed her amidships and immediately the call was sent out to save the White Supremacy.

The barge Jeffries was called upon, but doesn't think that he supply of coal is big enough to warrant her taking the chance. The old cruiser Sharkey threatened to start, but is still hanging around the wharf blowing her whistle.

The cruiser Fitzsimmons, although thousands of miles away and quite a wreck herself, is anxious to join in the search, but it is feared that the rough weather will swamp her, and the chase be fruitless.

The big German liner Ruhlin refuses to move. The coal barge Monroe has been out of sight for months. It would be sufficiently able to help carry away freight, but the wireless station cannot locate it. The Marvin Hart has been heard from, but has not started yet.

The only ship that looks as though it might be able to get to the wreck is the coal liner Samuel Langford. Shipping men declare that it would be of no help, however.

If the Jeffries does not go soon, the White Supremacy is sure to go down with all on board. The tramp schooner Burns took a header and was never seen again. The Johnson simply broke it all up.

"C. Q. D.—Barge Jeffries, hurry up; we're all in."

No answer as yet.

GAMBLING IN GULF STATE.

NEW ORLEANS, La.—With the horses which have been running at the Suburban racetrack stamping restlessly in their stalls at McDonoughville, the doors to the gambling houses at Southport closed tight and a ban placed upon the sale of lottery tickets, Jefferson Parish, La., is having the quietest season it has known in a very long time.

This parish, the greater part of which lies just across the river from New Orleans, has been known for years as the "free state of Jefferson." Here the Louisiana laws have been often interpreted differently from New Orleans. So when the turfmen found that the New Orleans officials regarded betting on horse races as a violation of the Locke law, they promptly moved across the river and started up. Here District Attorney L. H. Marrero, Jr., declared he did not think the Locke law was being violated, and so instructed the sheriff, L. H. Marrero, Sr.

The lottery in Jefferson was also called to the attention of the Governor by a newspaper reporter, who entered the parish to investigate. He succeeded in purchasing a lottery ticket, but before he could get away his identity was revealed and he was clubbed over the head with a revolver. He beat off his assailant and escaped across the river to New Orleans, where he showed the lottery ticket to the Governor. It is understood that the sale of lottery tickets will also be discontinued, at least temporarily.

ANTI-RACETRACK BILL IN CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

Bill Passed the House by an Overwhelming Majority.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—That racing in the State of California is doomed and that the present season at the famous Emeryville and Santa Anita courses will mark the passing of the "sport of kings" is the opinion not only of the majority of the followers of the turf, but of others in touch with the situation at Sacramento.

The passage of the Walker-Otis anti-racetrack bill by an overwhelming majority was a great surprise to both friends and opponents of the measure, and the result has spread consternation in the ranks of the latter. Although an adverse ruling was expected in the Assembly by the enemies of the bill, inasmuch as no fight had been made in that body, nothing like such a sweeping defeat was looked for and the moral effect of the Assembly's action will have much to do with stimulating the ultimate passage of the law.

The scene of battle will shift to the Senate, where a last stand will be made by the opponents of the proposed law to ward off defeat, which at this time seems inevitable. The bill, as passed by the House, came up for action in the Senate. Its provisions are similar to those of the Hughes anti-racetrack bill which has suppressed pool selling in the State of New York, with the one exception that the pool sellers in California will be allowed sixty days in which to wind up their affairs. As this extension will date from the time on which the Governor's signature is penned to the document in the event of its passage by the Senate, it is reasonable to presume that the new law would not become operative until well into the spring.

BABY DEAD; FATHER FOUGHT.

CHICAGO, Ill.—With a telegram stuck beneath his belt which read, "Baby is dead; no money; come home," Jack Robinson, a Chicago middleweight pugilist, fought the fight of his life in the ring at the Wayne Athletic Club, Philadelphia.

The match was between Robinson and Mickey McDonough of Brooklyn. The Chicago man had been in training quarters in Philadelphia for two weeks. The battle was Wednesday night of the past week, and at noon of that day the message of his baby's death was flashed to the pugilist from his wife in Chicago.

He determined to return at once. Then he discovered he would reach Chicago penniless. Robinson had pinched and saved preparing for the go at the Wayne Club. He decided to fight and wired home that he would be there as soon as possible. He fought and fought like a demon. Though his opponent outweighed him, he gave him a good beating and won the bout. Robinson fought with the words of the telegram on his mind. Knowing that he had to win or reach home penniless he fought, as some of the fans said, with superhuman power.

YOUNG CORBETT WINS SUNDAY BOUT.

NEW ORLEANS, La.—Special.—Young Corbett of Denver knocked out Harry Ferns of New York Sunday, the 24th, in the eleventh round of what was scheduled to be a twenty-round bout before the West Side Athletic Club at McDonoughville, across the river from New Orleans.

The match was at catchweights, both men weighing in at between 135 and 140 pounds. Corbett showed decided improvement over the form he displayed in his bout with Phil Brock several weeks ago. His right jabs were especially effective.

Ferns was strong in the clinches and had an even break for the first five rounds. In the sixth Corbett landed several blows to the mouth and eye, drawing first blood. From this time on Corbett had all the best of it, landing at will. The bell probably saved Ferns in the eighth, but he took his punishment gamely and came up strongly in every round.

In the preliminary, "Biz" Mackey of Columbus, O., got the decision over Patsy Hogan of New Orleans. Dave Barry acted as referee.

BATON ROUGE, La.—Sporting men who violated all precedents near New Orleans by pulling off the Sabbath prize-fight between Young Corbett and Harry Ferns have given the game a black eye from which it is believed will result an anti-boxing bill equally as drastic as the laws which killed the racing game in that vicinity.

Governor Sanders, who is in New Orleans, is known to be liberal in views of all sporting and out-of-door events, but in conversation before leaving he said he was opposed to such open and notorious defiance. The boxing game and those who are in it for legitimate purposes will therefore suffer for the crimes of others.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS?

Johnson Afraid of James J. Jeffries—Has "Cold Feet."

NEW YORK.—Special.—Robert Edgren believes champion Jack Johnson has cold feet, as the following from his pen would indicate:

"We've all been very much excited over the question whether or not big Jim Jeffries would come out to fight Jack Johnson. Nobody has had the foresight to wonder whether or not Johnson would fight Jeffries. And now, all of a sudden, we learn that Johnson has developed cold feet.

"Over in Australia Johnson publicly announced that he would never fight Jeffries in America unless he has a colored referee in the ring. We know what that means. Johnson does not want to fight. He will no more get into a ring with Jeffries now than he would go down a cellar with the champion when Jeffries offered to take him there and leave $5,000 in Harry Corbett's hands to be given to the man who came out.

"Johnson's demand is only a trick by which he hopes to get out of fighting Jeffries at all. He knows that the condition would not be tolerated by any club in America. In the first place, no colored man has ever acted as referee in a big fight. No colored man has ever had a chance to show that he would be a good and reliable referee.

"It is quite useless to beat about the bush and indulge in platitudes. It is a fact that a prejudice exists that would make it impossible for any club in America to put a colored referee in the ring in a championship event—or, perhaps, even in a preliminary."

If you would keep abreast of the times then you should read The Freeman each week at six months, 85 cents; one year, $1.50.

AN APPEAL FOR J. F. FOWLER.

Veteran Colored Baseball Player Ill and in Destitute Circumstances.

To the Sporting Editor of The Freeman.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Special.—Will you kindly give me a few lines of your valuable space? I wish to call the attention of the large army of lovers of the national game, and especially the very many colorede players in the country, to the condition of John F. ("Bud") Fowler, who is lying ill at the home of his sister at Frankfort, N. Y. Fowler was one of the best colored ball players who ever wore a uniform. I was going to say, who ever donned a mitt, but that would be a misnomer, for it is a well-known fact that "Bud" never used a glove, preferring to take everything that came his way with his bare hands. He, with Fleet Walker, Frank Grant and George Stovy, were the only colored ball players that ever got into the ranks of the bgi leagues, and they created a sensation in the International League back in the eighties.

A couple of decades ago, when I was a newspaper reporter in Laconia, N. H., it was my pleasure to be associated with Fowler, he playing second base and I acting as official scorer and assistant manager of the Laconia baseball club, and I found him to be one of the "whitest" men I ever knew. At that time the Laconia team was the crack semi-professional organization of the old Granite State and numbered among its members, besides Fowler and myself, Silas Jones, George Walker, Tim Maloney, "Stick" Aldrich, Pat McMann, Jim Baldwin, Charles Fischer, John Foley, Orman Lougee and Joe Sanburn. Some of these men were afterward identified with the "big show," but none of them is playing ball today.

Aldrich and Lougee are at the present time solid business men in Laconia. Now Fowler, who has been a member of the best colored teams and a number of white teams, such as the Live Oaks of Lynn, the Crickets of Binghamton and others, having been in the harness for over thirty years, and never in all that time connected in any way with outlaw baseball, is in destitute circumstances, and I appeal for a popular subscription benefit in his aid. Any sum of money, no matter how small, will be gratefully received by him.

It is my intention, as early as possible, to arrange a benefit game for him here on one of the local diamonds, and I earnestly ask the co-operation of the colored players, many of whom live around about New York and Brooklyn. They all know me as "the newspaper feller" who covered Meyerrose Park during the past season for the Brooklyn *Eagle* and the New York *Press*, and they can get in touch with me by addressing me in care of the Brooklyn *Daily Eagle*. I wish particularly to hear from Sol White, "Pop" Watkins, Clarence Williams, Frank Grant, Harry Buckner, Grant Johnson and Monroe, who were all personal friends of the old boy. A line from Ren Mulford, the Cincinnati scribe, who knew Fowler well, would be of inestimable value to this worthy cause. I hope that all the sporting editors in the country will see fit to print this letter.

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I think I owe it to my fellow man to send them a copy in confidence, so that any man, anywhere who is weak and discouraged with repeated failures may stop drugging himself with harmful patent medicines, secure what, I believe, is the quickest-acting, restorative, upbuilding, SPOT-TOUCHING remedy ever devised, and so, cure himself at home quietly and quickly. Just drop me a line like this: Dr. A. E. Robinson, 3831 Luck Building, Detroit, Mich., and I will send you a copy of this splendid receipt, in a plain, ordinary sealed envelope, free of charge.

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CITY AND SOCIETY.

Ladies, for a free shine call at 30 North Pennsylvania street.

Mrs. Mamie Stewart Vance has returned with her husband to Milwaukee.

The Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. Maria Spears in Center street Monday afternoon.

Bony Allen, a well-known young man of Louisville, Ky., is in the city for an indefinite stay.

Mrs. G. H. Shaffer has returned from Springfield, where she was called by the illness of her father.

Miss Edna A. Scott was hostess for the Lochinvars Club Wednesday evening at her home in North Senate avenue.

Mrs. Belle Craighead has recovered sufficiently from treatment at the City Hospital to be able to return to her home.

Mrs. N. A. Preston has returned from Tuskegee, where she has been spending several months with her daughter, Mrs. Julius R. Cox.

The funeral of Frank Hickerson, who was beaten and then set fire to by his stepson, Arthur Marshall, was held at Allen Chapel Thursday.

A necktie carnival and dance will be given for charity at Odd Fellows Hall Tuesday evening, Feb. 16, by the Woman's Club. Every person attending will receive a necktie as a souvenir.

Quarterly meeting services will be held at Allen Chapel tomorrow. Rev. W. H. Davis, pastor of Walter's Chapel, will preach the sacramental sermon.

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E. W. Proctor entertained a party of forty-seven at his home in West Fifteenth street, Friday evening of last week. The decorations were green and blue.

The Friends Club will give a valentine party at the home of Mrs. Hudson, 549 West Twelfth street, Monday evening, Feb. 15. Refreshments will be sold.

Mrs. Martha Jane Collins of Danville, Ill., accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Mary Wooten, visited Mrs. W. N. Curry, the former's sister, during the week.

Miss Effie Wakefield, 27 years of age, living at 1407 Kappa street, West Indianapolis, died Sunday after a lingering illness. Her funeral was held at her late home Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Sadie Boyer, a well-known young woman of this city, died Tuesday at 602 West Tenth street after a lingering illness. Her funeral was held at her late home Thursday morning.

Napoleon Murray, 50 years old, a well-known resident of North Indianapolis, was found dead by his wife Tuesday, upon her return after a short absence. He had been in his usual state of health.

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Col. French of Cleveland, O., will exhibit what is said to be one of the finest collections of moving pictures of the San Francisco earthquake in existence, at Bethel A. M. E. Church next Monday night.

The Baptist Ministers' Alliance will meet at Corinthian Baptist Church next Monday morning and evening. At the morning session a paper will be read on "The Lord's Supper," by Rev. J. D. Johnson of Irvington. The session at night will be Bible study. Subject, "Prayer."

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Mrs. Martha J. Wagoner, 80 years old, died Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rhoda Reed, at Shepardsville, near Norwood. Her funeral was held at Olivet Baptist Church, of which she was one of the oldest members, Thursday morning. She leaves two sons and a daughter.

The Sixth Ward Republican Workers' Club will celebrate Lincoln's birthday Friday evening, Feb. 12, at their hall, 526 1-2 Indiana avenue. The speech of Abraham Lincoln will be read by Frank Welch. It is expected that Mr. Hedrick will deliver the address for the occasion. Refreshments will be served. Club will meet next Tuesday evening.

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The Rev. D. E. Skelton, presiding elder of the Indiana district of the Lexington M. E. Conference, was in a railroad wreck last week on the Southern Railroad near New Albany, but escaped with a few bruises, from which he has about recovered. The coach in which he was seated was thrown down an embankment and turned completely over.

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INFORMATION WANTED.

Any information of the whereabouts of Marion Sharp. Sam, John and Melvina are her sons and daughter, who were owned by Susan Sharp (white), and lived at Petersburg, Va. My name is Rachel Sharp, and I live at 108 Burford street, Dallas, Tex. I ask the kind consideration of every one in helping me to find my people through The Freeman.

JOSEPH CLEMONS' FUNERAL.

The funeral of Joseph Clemons, who was shot by Charles Jackson Saturday night, was held Wednesday afternoon at the undertaking establishment of Shelton & Willis. His home was at Anderson, but because of the serious illness of his mother at that place it was decided to bury him here. His two brothers attended the funeral. The floral offerings were beautiful, two large broken wheels and a pillow being among the designs. One was from A. S. Schooler and friends, and the other was from the Improved Order of Elks, of which he was a member. The pillow was also a gift of male friends. He was 25 years old.

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The West Side of the city was aroused early Sunday morning by the report of a double murder which had taken place between midnight and daylight of the night before. The principals in the case were a woman known about town as Madeline Jackson, but whose right name is said to have been Maggie Howard, a man, Charles Jackson, who she represented as being her husband, and one Joseph Clemons, a roomer with the Jacksons, and who sought to make peace when the trouble began. The cause of the shooting is said to have been one Harry Sommers, who Jackson claimed was too attentive to the women, but who escaped the infuriated man's bullets by running. Jackson then turned his revolver on the woman and hearing a shot, Clemmons rushed in the room, when Jackson turned his weapon on the former. The injured man and woman were speedily removed to the hospital, where they lingered throughout the day Sunday and died Sunday night several hours apart. Jackson was placed in jail and awaits the court's action in the case. The woman is said to have come from a respectable family at Nashville and had been given good educational and social opportunities. Her remains were taken to Nashville for burial.

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During these stringent times it is often desirable and even necessary in cases to obtain money through chattel mortgage loans, of which there are a large number of firms in this city. The reputation of THE FREEMAN demands that we not lead our subscribers, and the race in general, astray in any matter of whatever nature, and at the same time we feel it our duty to direct and suggest through our oft and well-read columns those firms and business enterprises that desire our patronage; not embarrassed in asking for it and at the same time guaranteeing to us courteous treatment and only a proper investment. In the matter of loans, no firm in this city gives better inducements than the Indianapolis Mortgage and Loan Co., located at 210 Unity Building, 147 East Market street. Mr. W. O. Orr, the affable and obliging manager, strives to please all deserving applicants regardless of color. If in need of a firm in this line, don't fail to call. Write him or phone him over New phone 1419 or Old phone Main 541. THE FREEMAN is sincere in its request, knowing exactly the extent to which your patronage will be appreciated.

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He desires a trial of the colored patronage and assures satisfaction both in quality of goods and prices. Associated with Mr. Detch now is Mr. Robert Douglass, formerly with the Gus Habich Co. Mr. Douglass will attract a large share of the colored patronage, as he knows them well and has always been courteous and obliging. Within a few days the Detch Wheel Co. will move to 229 Massachusetts avenue, a few doors from the present location, where he will have larger and commodious quarters to accommodate his large and growing business. In the new location Mr. Detch will have entrances both on Massachusetts avenue and Ohio street.

THE FREEMAN invites and asks that its readers and the Negroes in general give their patronage to this firm, as this paper would not recommend a firm for their patronage without knowing they would get a square deal and good treatment.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Great preparations are being made for the annual celebration of the memorial to Frederick Douglass which was instituted by the Colored Young Men's Christian Association of Indianapolis some two years ago, and is held each year in Tomlinson Hall on the Sunday nearest the anniversary of his death.

The platform will present a very pretty appearance on this occasion, as there will be a military front to it, composed of the brigadier-general and staff, also the commanding officers of the Uniform Ranks of the K. of P. Brig.-Gen. Geo. Wilkes has given his consent and has ordered out the battalion, who, under the commanding officer, Maj. Edward Gaillard, will act as an escort to the speaker of the day, who, with the president of the association and others, will occupy seats in a hack which will hold a very prominent place in the procession, which will form in West North street in front of the Y. M. C. A. building and will march to Tomlinson Hall, arriving there in time for the opening of the progra mat 2:45 p. m.

This year the committee has secured as the speaker of the day the Hon. Willis O. Tyler. The interdenominational meeting of the ministers decided to throw their influence into this celebration and make it a combined Lincoln and Douglass celebration, thus what is expected to be the greatest and most representative gathering of colored citizens will be in Tomlinson Hall on the afternoon of the 14th.

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MILES AT LITTLE ROCK.

Editor of THE FREEMAN:

J. J. Miles, formerly headwaiter at the National Hotel at Peoria, Ill., is now headwaiter at the New Capitol Hotel at Little Rock, Ark. The Capitol is considered one of the finest European hotels in the State. J. J. Miles Jr. is second headwaiter.

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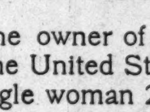

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